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On the Edge

**How state-of-the-art equipment
enriches education at UT**

City Within A City



FOR A UT STUDENT, A TYPICAL DAY MIGHT LOOK like this: breakfast, morning class, lunch, afternoon class, work study job, an intramural basketball game, evening class, dinner, a Student Government meeting, a stop by the ATM, a concert in Reeves Theater, a late-night snack, study-time and socializing with friends in the residence hall.

It's a busy day, and it illustrates how students see their campuses — as not just a place to learn, but also a place to eat, recreate, work, socialize and be safe and comfortable.

As two-thirds of full-time students live on campus, UT is basically a “city within a city.” UT proudly sees itself as a part of Tampa, but when you step on campus you enter a place that functions like any other city.

On campus we have residence halls that form unique “neighborhoods,” we have 35 Campus Safety personnel to keep the community safe and we have a facilities staff to make sure that toilets flush and that lawns are mowed. We have a library, art gallery, museum, 23 dining venues and shopping at the bookstore. We host several thousand events each year, including speakers, meetings, concerts, performing arts, music recitals and other events that occur almost nightly, and most of which are open to the public.

There are 170 clubs, organizations and teams for students to be involved with, too. We have hundreds of intramurals and club sports as well as a Division II athletics program with 20 teams that offer even more involvement opportunities.

And of course we have the media, with *The Minaret* and WUTT radio.

Have you ever picked up sushi at a grocery store? Try the Tsunami Sushi Shop in Stadium Center. Did you see the movie *Hugo*? It showed on campus this year. Rented a car recently? Students can do that on campus, too. Take spinning classes? That's offered five times a week here.

Of course, everything we do is focused on our educational mission. We believe when students feel part of the UT community, and they are comfortable in their surroundings, they will do better academically. Certainly UT's rich learning environment, campus amenities and modern facilities appeal to prospective students. But, we see it as a way to ensure students' success, not as an “arms race” that is so often a criticism of universities.

Managing all of these facets of the UT educational experience is complex. It requires exceptional work from a variety of people on campus who are committed to providing a top-notch educational experience for students. UT's workforce includes 1,200 employees, plus 1,300 student employees.

Of course, part of living in a city also means getting out of the city, too. We strive to acquaint students with everything that Tampa has to offer, and we encourage students to do community service and internships off campus, including nationally and internationally.

If you haven't been to campus lately, I encourage you to stop by. It's a dynamic, energetic community. And when you stop by, be sure and try a sushi roll — they're delicious.

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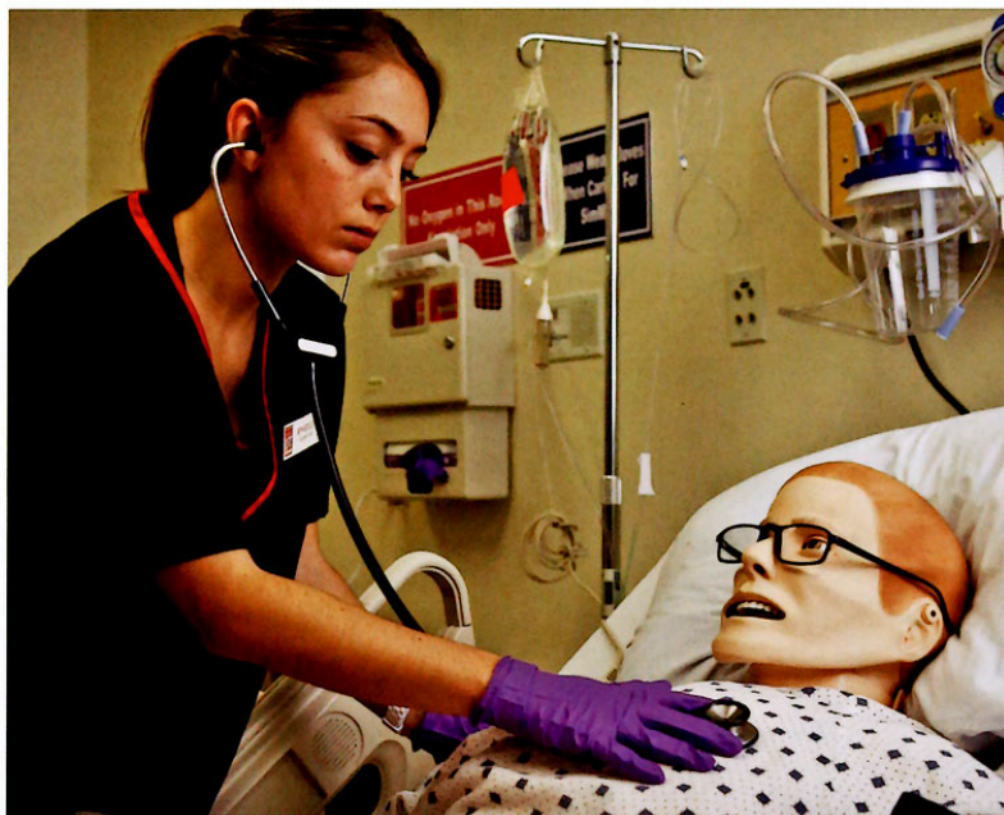
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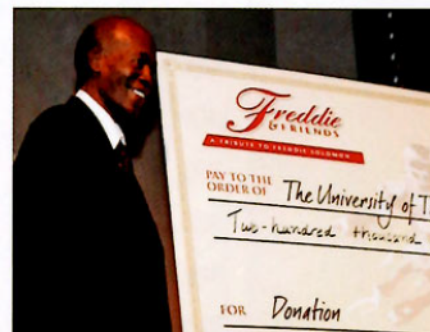
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A Good Problem

UT breaks ground on new residence hall to accommodate increasing enrollment

STUDENT ENROLLMENT CONTINUES TO increase each year at UT and with it the need for student housing. Over the past two decades, enrollment has grown exponentially to 6,738 students in 2011-2012. About two-thirds of full-time UT students live in campus housing, and for the past several years

UT students have been housed in area overflow hotels.

With this demand in mind, UT announced in January it would build its largest residence hall to date on a site that borders Kennedy Boulevard. The project got underway with a ground-breaking ceremony on March 22.

Temporarily designated as Residence Hall VII and scheduled for completion in August 2013, the residence hall will rise 11 stories and include 523 beds for undergraduates.

The new 193,000-square-foot hall will reflect the latest in university campus amenities. Each room will be suite-style with a common living room, four single bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The residence hall also has several lounges and student gathering spaces, as well as a laundry room and common kitchen. In addition to two residential suites, the 11th floor will include two large community rooms with sweeping views of Tampa Bay, primarily for student use.

"More and more students want to attend UT and live on our dynamic downtown campus," said Ronald L. Vaughn, president of UT. "This new construction represents our continued effort to provide an exemplary academic and co-curricular experience for them."

In alignment with UT's commitment to environmental stewardship, the building will be designed and constructed to be a candidate for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The building's roof, for example, will include a solar array that will supply hot water to the building, and the living spaces will be daylight optimized with floor-to-ceiling windows.

An eye to the future. In February and March crews demolished four UT-owned buildings just west of campus on Kennedy Boulevard in preparation for future construction. Plans and timeline details for those properties are still in the planning stages.



"What I've learned through this study is something that you can't learn in the classroom. It's all hands-on experience."

—RYAN LOWERY '14, ON HIS PARTICIPATION
IN THE HMB NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT STUDY

UT Community to Witness Democracy in Action

UT WILL HAVE A RINGSIDE VIEW OF the U.S. political process this August when the city of Tampa hosts the Republican National Convention.

The convention will be held at the Tampa Convention Center and the Tampa Bay Times Forum, the same week as the start of fall classes. The 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee expects nearly 50,000 visitors and 15,000 members of the media for the weeklong event.

UT is preparing and looking forward to the opportunities and challenges that will come with it, said Linda Devine, vice president for operations and planning.

"The RNC will no doubt cause inconveniences, but we feel strongly

that the event presents unique opportunities for students to experience democracy in action, and it is my hope that curricular and co-curricular areas take every advantage of what this engagement has to offer," Devine said.

UT is continuing with its Fall 2012 academic schedule, and has developed a website for information sharing about the RNC's impact on UT: www.ut.edu/rnc. Any questions or concerns about the upcoming event can be sent to rnc2012@ut.edu.

The last time a presidential nominating convention was held in Florida was 1972, when both the Republican and Democratic national committees held their conventions in Miami Beach.

CREATE-IVE MINDS

For Nick Chmura '12, it started as an idea, then became a 90-second business pitch. Now, BetterBoo.com has been named one of the Coolest College Startups by Inc. Magazine for 2012.

BetterBoo is a Web-based application that uses Facebook and Amazon to help users find and buy gifts. In 2010, Chmura was the first UT student to participate in the CEO National Elevator Pitch Competition. He went on to secure funding to launch the site.

Chmura is one of many UT entrepreneurial students. Ryan Linares '12 and Kyle Amicucci '12, and Anastasia Calcasola '14 and Austin Holmes '14, shared first place in the CREATE (Creating Real Entrepreneurial Actions Through Education) program.

Sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management and coordinated through UT's Entrepreneurship Center, CREATE is an eight-week business boot camp and pitch competition.

Linares and Amicucci created Audacis LLC, with plans to license a technology drivers can use on any toll road in the U.S. Calcasola and Holmes created Rear View LLC, with the idea to manufacture a mirror to easily check the back of your hair. The two companies shared the award, each receiving \$2,500.



UT A STOP ON "ROAD TO THE WHITE HOUSE" The C-SPAN Campaign 2012 Bus made a stop at UT on Jan. 31 as part of its "Road to the White House" tour. The Campaign 2012 Bus travels the country to promote and enhance C-SPAN's extensive resources and political coverage. Reid Wilson, editor-in-chief of *National Journal Hotline*, answered questions from UT students visiting the bus via Skype: <http://cs.pn/zoX3Pz>.



Jackie French '15 (middle) and University of Memphis student Grace Waters (right) play with students at Sulphur Springs Elementary School.

Understanding Homelessness and Poverty

Leadership Exchange gives students insight into social issues

WHILE THERE ARE MANY SERVICE AND leadership opportunities at UT, nine students chose to take part in a new initiative during the Spring 2012 semester. Called the Leadership Exchange, it's a six-month study of a social justice issue — this year, poverty and homelessness — exploring the issues through hands-on service, tours of lead organizations and in-depth panel discussions with change makers.

Nine UT students are paired with nine students from another university — this year, the University of Memphis — and engage in two weekend trips visiting the other's campus and community. On UT's visit to Memphis in January, the students got a firsthand view of poverty from the moment they left UT by riding a city bus to the

airport until they were volunteering at Samaritan's Feet, washing the tired feet of those who showed up at the event to receive a new pair of shoes.

"I walked away from Memphis thinking this is why I educate," said Kim Northup, director of leadership engage-

ment. "The students left that weekend qualitatively different. They got it."

In early March, UT students hosted their Memphis counterparts for a tour of Tampa's poor and homeless, from working with children involved in YMCA programs in the neighborhood of Sulphur Springs to serving meals at Metropolitan Ministries, talking with the homeless veterans at Liberty Manor and organizing the shelves at Feed America Tampa Bay.

"This gives the students a wider view of the issue," said Northup. "It gets them thinking more broadly about social change and how leaders can make an impact."

Last summer, UT's Northup and Ali Mathe, coordinator of leadership, were invited to a Leadership in Action summit. Hosted by Kennesaw State University, the University of Southern California and Suffolk University, seven additional institutions were chosen to participate in this pilot project based on their cutting-edge leadership and civic engagement programs. Based on their outcomes, the Leadership Exchange program could be launched nationally.

"I've learned that sometimes you have to put yourself out there," said Zachary Peterson '15, a pre-law major who wants to focus on constitutional law and be an advocate for basic human rights. "I started out reserved and too self-centered. When I let go, it felt good to be involved. It felt good to give back."

TARGETING A GROWING FIELD

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that jobs for specialists in learning and instruction will grow 23 percent by 2018. In response to this growing field, UT will offer a Master of Science in instructional design and technology program beginning in August 2012. With an emphasis on the use of technology and multimedia in instruction, students who enroll will study theories of learning and cognition and learn how to develop and evaluate curricula for diverse audiences.



A World Away

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MARKETING Judith Washburn spent last spring in India on a sabbatical interviewing small business owners in an effort to understand how the downturned economy is impacting small businesses in the country. In a market in New Delhi, Washburn noticed this charm

hanging on one of the food stands for good luck.

Washburn also visited Brazil and China as part of her research. She says these countries are of interest to the U.S. because they are potential new markets, and while these emerging economies are thoroughly studied,

the small businesses in them are not.

She will return to China this May to continue her research and plans to write a book on how political, economic, social, technological, legal and environmental changes in the downturned economy are impacting these businesses.

spartan sports



Rudy Bradley '69 breeds and rides ranch and cutting horses at his home in Tallahassee.

Bradley Grateful for Lessons Learned at UT

ASK RUDY BRADLEY '69 HOW HE acquired all he has, and he'll tell you The University of Tampa played an integral part in his being where he is today.

"Probably one of the most influential experiences in my life," he said. "I learned and attained many of my values from the University and Coach Dana Kirk. He was a major influence in my life. So was UT President David Delo, and too many others at UT to mention."

Born in St. Petersburg, he excelled

in many sports, but basketball was his favorite. His talents on the court landed Bradley an offer to play at Texas Southern University. After one season, he withdrew and transferred to St. Petersburg Junior College before enrolling at UT.

In 1966, Bradley made history as UT's first black athlete and became one of the first black athletes in the South to sign an athletic scholarship. "UT was a trendsetter," Bradley said. "It created a lot of opportunities for

Tampa and the whole Southeast of the United States with what it was doing as far as diversity."

Vic Thixton, Bradley's roommate and teammate for two years at UT, said he instantly knew Bradley was a unique individual. "You know when you meet someone for the first time and you have an instant connection? Rudy had that. He had that personality and character," Thixton said.

Though the country was still struggling with racial inequality, Bradley said



Bradley '69 on the court
circa 1967.

he never felt like an outcast and never thought about leaving the program, for which he signed a two-year scholarship.

"The University was very supportive, the president had a very open door and the students were very friendly and helpful. I couldn't have played for a better person than (Coach) Dana Kirk. Ninety-nine percent of what I experienced at UT was positive."

One day in December 1966, however, the team met inequality head-on at a truck stop in Auburn, AL. Thixton recalled how an elderly white lady who worked at the restaurant pointed at Rudy and said, "You have to eat at the back of the restaurant."

"We were all taken back by that," Thixton said, going on to explain that Coach Kirk immediately, but calmly, told his players to return to the team vehicle. "Coach said, 'Everyone turn around; we're not going to eat here.' When he made that statement, it was a defining moment," he recalled.

His senior season, Bradley averaged 13 points per game and eight rebounds. UT finished the season with a 16-9 record, its best finish in nearly 20 years.

After graduating from UT in 1969, Bradley became a teacher and basketball coach in Pinellas County. In 1977, he petitioned to have the basketball program at UT reinstated (the team was dropped just a few years after he

left). "I thought it would be wonderful to reinstitute basketball, and I wrote up a proposal and the (president) put it back together."

Bradley attended graduate school at the University of Michigan, then transitioned into the next phase of his life. After serving as the manager of a friend's successful campaign for state office, Bradley decided it was his turn. In March of 1994, he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives and represented House District 55 as a Democrat.

He focused on education and economic development issues and served on many legislative committees, including chair of the Business Development and International Trade Committee and the Economic Development Council, as well as serving on the Joint Select Committee on the One Florida Initiative.

Bradley eventually switched to the Republican Party and in 2000, his final year in the House, spoke at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

Bradley said his background in sports enabled his transition into politics and other endeavors. "Basketball and football are contact sports and politics is also a contact sport, he quipped. "If you play a team sport, you know how to cooperate and get along with different personalities and backgrounds. Politics is the same."

Now 65, Bradley has no plans of slowing down. He's been married for 32 years to Terrye and has four children — Adia, Ernest, Michael and Andre. He breeds and rides ranch and cutting horses.

Looking back on his life, the man who was once named one of Tampa's most influential black people said he's proud to have set an example for so many. "It's very meaningful to me. I've always been a person whose goal is to give to others and to be of service to others and to have a positive impact on the society I live in. I feel very blessed to have the opportunity to give and get positive results with the work that I've done."

— NICK WILLIAMS



STUDENT-ATHLETES GIVE BACK On Jan. 16, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representatives visited the children's ward at Tampa General Hospital, delivering 42 stuffed animals for the children. Money to purchase the stuffed animals was raised during the fall semester at fundraisers at various games and Midnight Madness.

The Big 6-0-0

UT men's basketball head coach earns 600th win

ON NOV. 26, 2011, UT MEN'S BASKETBALL head coach Richard Schmidt became the fourth active NCAA Division II coach and 12th overall to reach 600 victories as his Spartans defeated the University of Puerto Rico-Bayamon.

A graduate of Western Kentucky University, he became head coach at Ballard High School in 1969. He led the school to a 183-82 record during his eight-year tenure. His teams earned six district titles in addition to the 1977 Kentucky State Championship.

In 1977, Schmidt became an assistant to Terry Holland at the University of Virginia. The Cavaliers participated in the National Invitation Tournament in each of his two seasons at Virginia and compiled a record of 39-18.

While serving as the head coach at Vanderbilt for two seasons from 1979-1981, Schmidt guided the Commodores to a sixth place finish in the SEC in his first season.

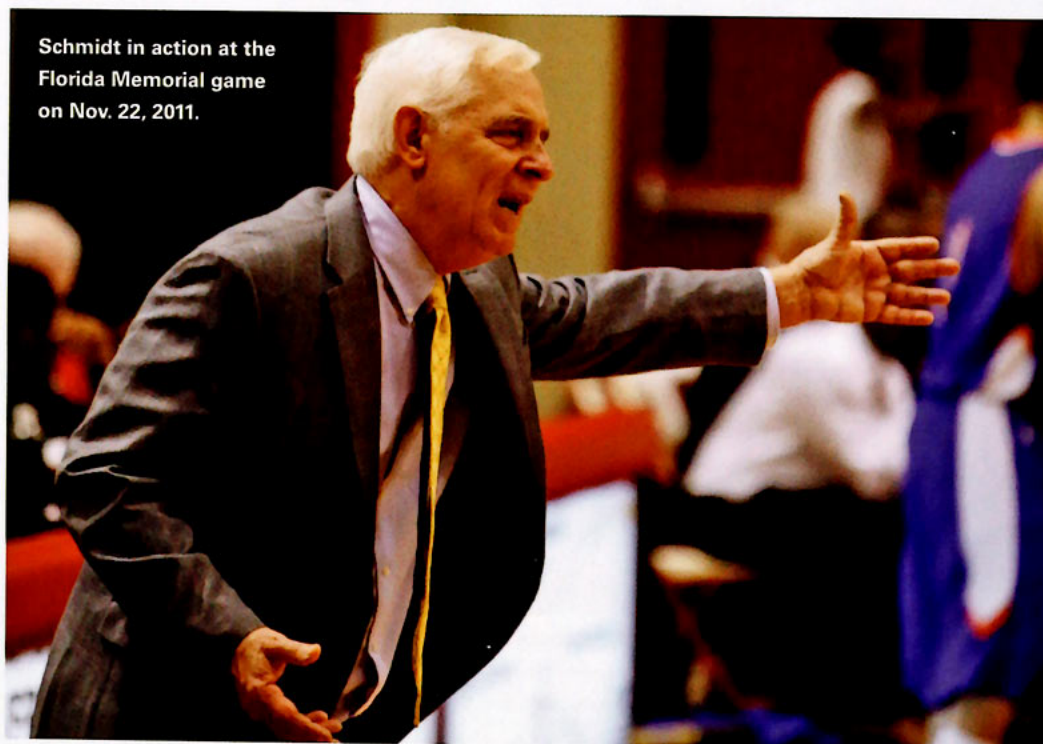
Schmidt came to Tampa in 1982

to resurrect a program that had been dormant for 13 years. His first season, he won the Sunshine State Conference tournament and the accompanying bid to the NCAA Division II tournament. It was the first time in NCAA history that a first-year team (in any division) made the national tournament.

His teams have made 14 NCAA tournament appearances, including the 2001 season, when he guided Tampa to the NCAA Division II Final Four, where the Spartans fell to national champion Kentucky Wesleyan by one point in overtime.

Under Schmidt's direction the Spartans have finished first or second in the SSC all but eight years. He was voted South Region Coach of the Year following the 1985-1986 season and was named the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year in 1986, 1989, 1990, 1993, 2000 and 2002.

At the end of the 2011-2012 season, Schmidt now stands at 604-301 in his 31 years as a college coach.



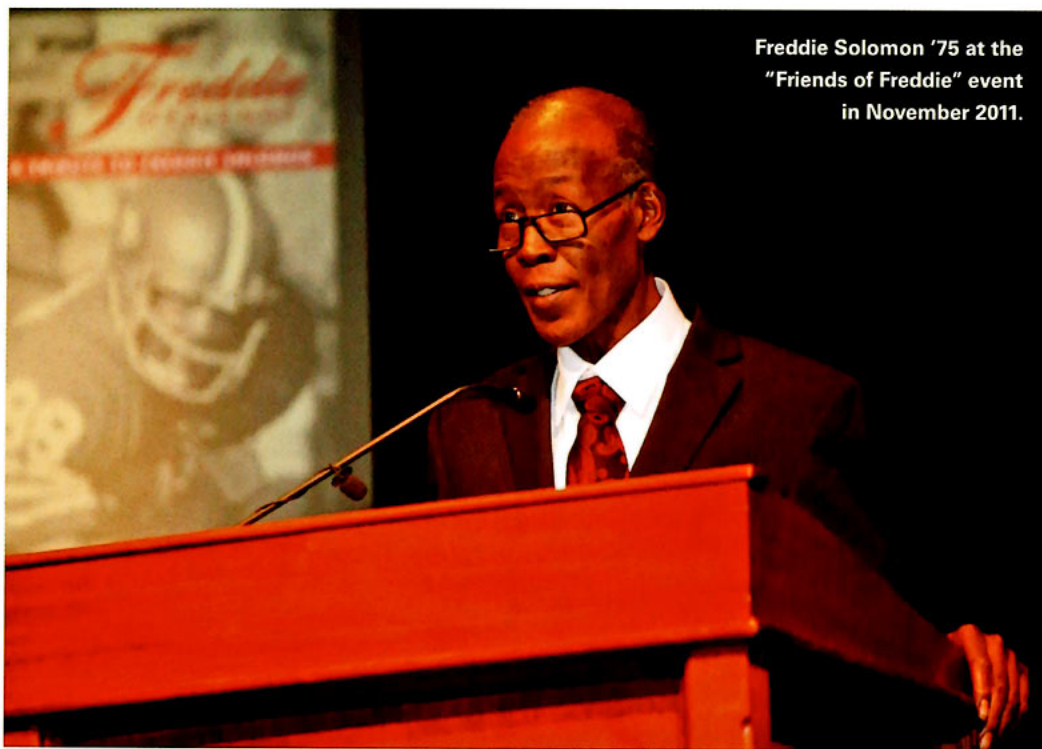
Schmidt in action at the Florida Memorial game on Nov. 22, 2011.

HALL OF FAMERS

Cross country standout Allison Macsas '05 and former UT baseball player Ronnie Merrill Jr. '03 were among nine new members inducted into the Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Hall of Fame in March.

Macsas was a four-time All-SSC selection. She garnered SSC Runner of the Year honors three times, finishing first at the SSC Championship in 2003, 2004 and 2005. She was a two-time All-American and a three-time All-South Region honoree. Macsas still holds the Tampa 5K record, posting a time of 17:16 at the UF Gator Invitational in 2005. Also a standout in the classroom, she was named College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America in 2004 and 2005.

Merrill led Tampa to the 1998 NCAA Division II baseball championship, earning most valuable player honors at the tournament. Named SSC Player of the Year in 2000, he was a four-time All-SSC selection. He was also tabbed freshman of the year in 1997. Merrill was named first-team All-American and All-South Region in 2000. He earned second-team All-Region distinction in 1998. Merrill played some of his best baseball when it counted most in the postseason, earning a spot on the All-Tournament team at the 1997, 1998 and 2000 regional tournaments. He still holds the UT career records for runs (262), hits (339), triples (24), RBI (228) and total bases (504).



Freddie Solomon '75 at the "Friends of Freddie" event in November 2011.

"Friends of Freddie" Mourn Loss of Mentor, Athlete

Freddie exemplified a true Spartan, says UT athletic director

FORMER NFL STANDOUT AND UT Athletics Hall of Famer Freddie Solomon '75, who was remembered as much for his work with local youth as his on-field artistry, passed away on Feb. 13.

"Freddie was all about caring for individuals and human beings first, and being an athlete second," said Athletic Director Larry Marfise. "He loved and cared about everyone who was a part of the Spartan family and was extremely loyal and giving, not only financially but giving his time to help make current student-athletes realize

the importance of their education."

As a Spartan, Solomon finished 12th in Heisman Trophy balloting as a senior in 1974. He accounted for 5,803 yards of total offense while rushing for 3,299 yards.

A second-round pick by the Miami Dolphins, Solomon played three seasons with the team before being traded to the San Francisco 49ers. With the 49ers, Solomon was a part of two Super Bowl championships while being an All-Pro selection in 1980. Solomon finished his NFL career with 371 recep-

tions, 5,846 yards and 48 touchdowns.

He was also inducted into the UT Athletics Hall of Fame in 1983 and, in 2002 was honored as a UT Athlete of the Century.

For more than two decades until his death, Solomon worked with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office outreach program teaching children about sports and about life.

Last November, about 500 "Friends of Freddie," including sports celebrities Tino Martinez '11, Lou Piniella '69, Ronde Barber and Darryl Strawberry, came to UT to honor and celebrate Solomon. His former teammates Dwight Clark, Eric Wright and Fred Dean gave testimonial at the event, as did Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Ronnie Lott by videotaped greeting.

Hosted by the DeBartolo Family, UT and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the event included the NFL Films premiere of "The Legend of Freddie Solomon." Proceeds from the event, which totaled \$200,000, went toward an endowed scholarship in Solomon's name.

"Freddie was a great friend and mentor," Marfise said. "He has set an example for our athletic program moving forward. We should all strive to be more like Freddie."

UT President Ronald Vaughn praised Solomon for helping to develop character and values, putting more young people onto the road to success. "This legacy of building good and responsible citizens will endure," he said.

Freddie is survived by his wife, Delilah (Dee) Solomon. They were married for 33 years.

Are you proud to be a Spartan? Do you live in Florida? Then consider purchasing a UT license plate for an additional \$27 the next time you register your car. Each license plate sold gives the University \$25 toward scholarships and campus improvements.



EXIT

No Oxygen in This Room-
Simulation Only



BEY



OND BOOKS

BY KILEY MALLARD
PHOTOGRAPHS BY ALEX MCKNIGHT

UT students take learning out of the classroom and get their hands on some seriously state-of-the-art equipment.

Previous spread: Nursing students practice their skills in the Nursing Simulation and Skills Lab. Clockwise from right: Students respond to SimNewB, whose lips have turned blue. Alysha Bryant '13 takes SimMan 3G's blood pressure. Katie Renner '12 administers medication via IV to SimMan 3G.

STUDENTS ARE ATTRACTED TO The University of Tampa for many reasons. The great weather in Tampa, the small class sizes and one-on-one interactions with faculty, even the beautiful facilities and historic Plant Hall.

But when they dig a little deeper into what the University has to offer, students soon discover that in addition to these attributes, UT is home to some of the most state-of-the-art equipment available.

Access to these devices enhances students' education and better prepares them for life after UT.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

"Our patient went into cardiac arrest," said nursing student Katie Renner '12. "His heart rate was very irregular and his vital signs were out of normal parameters." Renner quickly assessed the patient, deciding what medications to give and whether to defibrillate him or not, based on his physiological response. "It was a very memorable experience."

Though the experience has stayed with her, Renner's patient was not a real person at all, but a cutting-edge patient simulator in UT's Nursing Simulation and Skills Lab.

Renovated and expanded in the summer of 2011, thanks in part to the generosity of the Walter Foundation, the lab is home to SimMan 3G. A computerized manikin, SimMan 3G can be programmed to breathe and have a heartbeat and pulse. He has blood pressure, his pupils dilate and, through an intercom, he speaks. Perhaps most helpful to the learning process is that



the manikin responds to medication and other medical interventions. This allows nursing students to know whether they've chosen the correct interventions for the given scenario.

While SimMan 3G can be configured as a teenager, adult or elderly patient, SimNewB is a newborn infant-size manikin. Like the larger manikin, SimNewB can be programmed to breathe and have a heartbeat, but the infant can also turn blue or have a seizure. The equipment students use to care for SimNewB is the same as

what you would find in a real hospital, including an infant incubator.

Perhaps most incredibly, the nursing lab's two Noelle manikins can give birth, even a complicated birth.

"We are very lucky to have such high tech equipment that can mimic patient responses," said Renner. "What's great about the lab is that it is there for us to practice our skills and nursing interventions before we go in to an actual patient room and provide care."

Renner says this allows students to make mistakes and learn from



them in the safety of the learning lab.

"We are able to make mistakes and be critiqued many more times than we are able to in clinical because we are not actually dealing with patients' lives and well-being," she said. "This allows us to become very proficient and aware of what we need to work on before we perform in clinical."

The lab also gives nursing students a chance to experience scenarios they wouldn't be a part of in their clinical rotations at a real hospital, like the "mock code" Renner described.

"If the students were in a real hospital, with a real patient, the nurses would take over at that point," said Susan Garbutt, the lab's coordinator. "These simulators allow students to work with patients that are quite ill in an environment where it is safe to do so."

The simulators also help prepare students for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination. For the past three years, UT nursing graduates have beaten the national average of 89 percent for first-time test takers. In 2009 and 2010,

100 percent of UT graduates passed the exam on their first attempt, and in 2011, 38 out of 39 passed, according to a report from the Florida Legislature's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.

DETAILS, DETAILS

Tucked away in the Science Wing of Plant Hall is a piece of equipment typically only found at large research institutions — a JSM-6010LA Analytical Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM).



From left: Specimens must be mounted on special stubs for viewing in the electron microscope. Jenna Sullivan '13 carefully loads the microscope's viewing tray. Timothy Morrison '12 measures the force of John Blackmore's '12 arm movements using a BTE Primus RS. An HSHP student uses an ultrasound machine to measure a study participant's thigh muscle.



An SEM bounces a beam of electrons off an object to magnify it up to 300,000 times and provides a clearer image than a traditional compound microscope (see inset).

Stan Rice, professor of biology, says in his branch of science, the level of detail shown by an SEM helps clarify species and identify new ones.

"When we look at specimens with the SEM, we find details nobody has ever seen before," said Rice.

The purchase of the SEM was made possible in part by the generous contributions of Dr. R. Vijayanagar, a UT Board of Trustees member, and his wife.

The SEM at UT is truly cutting-edge — it was the first of its kind acquired in Florida and features an HD touchscreen. The device comes with an adapter that allows it to be used as a transmission electron microscope, giving users even more options for their research.

Rice says that previously these machines were huge. "The biggest problem with older SEMs was the

camera," he said. "You basically had to take a photography course before you could use one."

The relatively easy-to-use interface of the SEM at UT makes it perfect for student projects, like the one Jade Arrobas '11 worked on as a student with Rice and Wayne Price, Dana professor of biology. For the project, Arrobas used the SEM to identify species of *Argulus*, or fish lice, in the river systems along the west coast of Florida.

"Knowing about fish lice is very important because they cause problems in fish enclosures, killing off the fish either through the bites themselves or infections in the bites," said Arrobas. "Not a lot of SEM work has been done on fish lice, and it's amazing to be able to identify new features using it."

The device will be the focus of the Essentials of Electron Microscopy course, where Rice says students will learn to prepare the slides for viewing and how to use the microscope to look

at specimens and conduct research.

"Using this machine gives our students a leg up in graduate school," said Rice. "At a larger state university, undergraduates likely wouldn't have the opportunity to work so closely with this type of machine so it really gives our students an edge in understanding how to use an SEM and how to conduct research."

Arrobas certainly agrees.

"Being able to do this research gave me the opportunity to learn new techniques," she said. "It was a fantastic opportunity."

A COMPETITIVE EDGE

Researchers in the Department of Health Sciences and Human Performance (HSHP) are looking into the effects of the HMB nutritional supplement on human strength, power and muscle mass. The study — funded through a \$50,000 grant from Metabolic Technologies Inc. — is currently investigating the effects of 12 weeks of HMB supplementation in a rare

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— JACOB WILSON, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE



population of elite resistance trained athletes during a prescribed training program.

Lead by Jacob Wilson, assistant professor of health sciences and human performance, and J.C. Andersen, chair of the HSHP department, the study uses equipment in the newly renovated and expanded HSHP lab to evaluate the supplement's effects.

The lab has all of the traditional equipment you'd expect to see, weights, treadmills and stationary bikes, even an ultrasound machine to measure muscle thickness and a force plate to record vertical jump velocity, force and performance measurements.

The newest additions to the facility, however, are a DXA unit, which measures bone mineral density as well as body fat percentages, and a BTE Primus RS, which is used to evaluate, rehabilitate and track the progress on virtually any body part in physical therapy as well as study human performance.

According to Wilson, the HSHP lab at UT is comparable to those at major research universities, many of which Wilson has visited or worked in. "Because of this lab, we've been able to land big grants, and we're turning out research like a Division I university," said Wilson.

Ryan Lowery '14, one of the student researchers assisting Wilson and

Andersen with the study, says he uses all of the equipment in the lab. "I take muscle thickness measurements with the ultrasound machine; I take vertical jump measures on the force plate; we record power measures via the Wingate cycle ergometers; and we record body fat percentages with the new DXA machine," he said.

Andersen says the equipment in the HSHP lab helps to prepare students, whether they choose to go on to graduate school or enter the workforce.

"We have a vested interest in where the students go from here," said Andersen. "When they leave here, they know how to use all of this equipment,

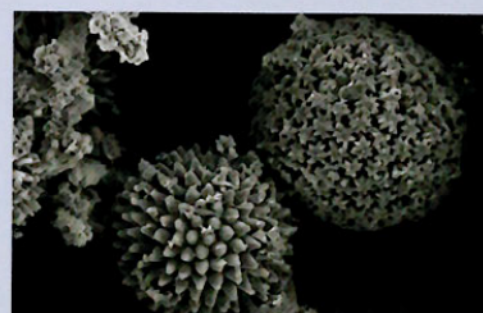
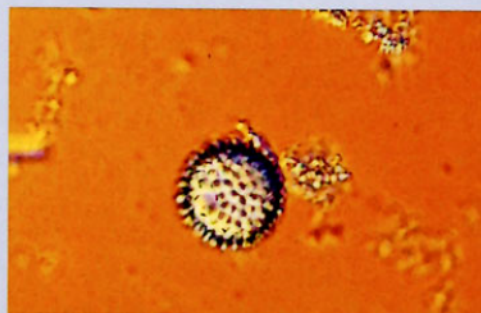
from the most basic to the most state of the art, and that makes them more competitive in graduate school and more confident at the entry-level in the workforce."

Lowery says that his experiences in the lab both enhance what he's learning in the classroom and will help him in his future endeavors.

"What I get out of the lab is unlike anything you can receive in any classroom setting," he said. "Actually being involved with the equipment and everyday problems that you will discover in your field in the future is one aspect that will really help me in graduate school and in my career." **UT**

A Lesson in Microscopy

A light microscope can magnify objects up to 2,000 times, while a scanning electron microscope (SEM) is capable of much higher magnifications. Because of this, an SEM shows a level of detail not possible with a light microscope, as shown in the images below of sponge spicules.



Three UT alumni share a rare distinction —
the Congressional Medal of Honor.

VALOR IN ACTION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA HAS MANY NOTABLE ALUMNI — THE FIRST Hispanic governor of Florida (Robert “Bob” Martinez ’57), a bestselling author (Amy Hill Hearth ’82) and sports champions (Tino Martinez ’11, Lou Piniella ’69 and the late Freddie Solomon ’75 among them). But the University is also proud to count among its alumni three who are notable for a very different reason. ■ UT has graduated not one but three recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force, presented to its recipient by the President of the United States. More than 3,400 medals have been given since the Civil War, and 246 were bestowed to soldiers who fought in Vietnam, which is where Harold Fritz ’75, Ronald Ray ’72 and James Taylor ’72 served with valor.

BY JEN A. MILLER ’02 PHOTOGRAPH BY PAUL ELLIDGE





CAPT. HAROLD Fritz '75 was taking courses at the Milwaukee Institute of Technology, working toward his veterinary degree, when he joined the

Army. He had dropped the number of classes he was taking because he'd just gotten married, which meant he was ineligible for deferment.

Going into the Army was a surprise, but one he took in stride. He left for Vietnam in January 1969 and was awarded a Medal of Honor while, as platoon leader, he was leading a seven-vehicle armored column that came under intensive crossfire.

He was wounded when his vehicle was hit. He and his men were surrounded, but Fritz still leapt to the top of his burning vehicle and directed the positioning of the remaining men and vehicles — running from vehicle to vehicle in clear view of those shooting at him — to reposition the soldiers. Then he manned a machine gun to defend the platoon after which, armed only with a pistol and bayonet, he led a small group of men in a charge and then redirected a relief force to more effectively battle the enemy. He refused medical attention until the other men were treated and evacuated.

When he returned to the U.S., he was assigned to Fort Knox in Kentucky. Fritz learned about UT through the recommendation of other officers. "They said if you ever have the opportunity to finish college, go to The University of Tampa," he said.

But getting the military to send him to Florida wasn't so easy.

When he found out he was eligible for complete funding of his degree, he asked very specifically to be sent to UT. One problem: his superior officer told him that the Army had full quota at UT, and his only way in would be to get a letter of admission within 24 hours.



Harold Fritz '75 at his home in Peoria, IL. Previous spread: Fritz displays his Congressional Medal of Honor.

This was before fax machines and email. But Fritz made a lot of phone calls, got the letter to his superior in 24 hours and was soon a student at UT.

One of his favorite stories about his time on campus came when he was just about ready to graduate.

"There was a funding freeze for the department of the Army. My branch told me it would last at least 90 days, and what they wanted us to do was go on leave," says Fritz.

That didn't sit too well with him or the 20 other Army guys about to graduate with him. "I'm not going to use my 30 days leave because you got a problem at branch headquarters," Fritz said.

Then they were told to find a space for themselves at MacDill Air Force base, which he thought was ludicrous as well.

Instead, he worked with the school to have all 20 students "assigned" to

the ROTC attachment at UT, even though that attachment was going to summer camp and didn't need 20 additional men.

Since retiring himself from the military after about 28 years of service, he has worked in veterans affairs where he now lives in the state of Illinois. For eight years, he was the deputy director for the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and now works at their Bob Michel outpatient clinic, coordinating volunteer services and transportation.

He's also president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which includes all living Medal of Honor recipients, preserves the memory of those members who have passed away, offers assistance and aid to Medal of Honor recipient widows and children, and promotes patriotism. Ron Ray is a past president, and James Taylor is the Sixth Regional Director.

"I DIDN'T WANT TO BE PART OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. I WANTED TO BE PART OF THE STUDENT BODY." —CAPT. RONALD RAY '72



CAPT. RONALD RAY '72, was born on the day of the Pearl Harbor attack, in the small town of Cordele, GA. He graduated from high school early

— he was only 17 — to immediately join the Army. Three years later, he was asked to join the Special Forces and, in 1966, he was sent to the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam.

He was given a Medal of Honor while serving as a platoon leader. His ambush patrol was attacked, and Ray organized a reaction force. During the attack, he dove between an enemy grenade and two of the men in his platoon and continued to direct the platoon. He had been injured but only took medical attention after he was assured the group was no longer in immediate danger.

When Ray returned from Vietnam, he started thinking about his future. He had taken some courses while overseas and had earned the equivalent of an associate degree. When back in the U.S., he came to UT through the Army's bootstrap program.

Ray decided to study history. Even though he was almost 30 when he started classes at UT, which made him older than most of his classmates, he decided to immerse himself in the general campus culture.

"I didn't want to be part of the military establishment. I wanted to be part of the student body," he said. One way he did that: he became assistant trainer to the football team.

"I got to know a lot of the young students because that's what I wanted to do," he said.

After he earned his degree, he went to European command and then, in 1974 and 1975, to Washington, D.C., for a White House Fellowship where he served a year in the Department of Commerce. That experience, he says, helped him learn the basics he needed to start his own companies after retir-

ing from the military as a captain with 20 years of service. He's been an entrepreneur ever since, and still is today.

He had tried to retire once but, he says, "My wife made me go back to work."

Now Ray, 70, is CEO of Ray Group International, a healthcare-related IT company for the federal government, private sector and international companies that has offices in Tampa, Washington, D.C., New York and Bucharest, in Romania. He's also an executive advisor to Parametric Technology Corporation, an international software company.

"I've always been an entrepreneur," said Ray in an interview from his Tampa office. "When I go to my downtown office, I look right at UT," he adds. He splits his time now between Tampa — his grandkids live in Plant City, FL — and Washington, D.C., with occasional trips to Romania.

"I'd rather be doing what I'm doing than be a five star general," he says.

"I'm around young and energetic people every day. I love seeing them."



TAMPA IS A LONG way from Capt. James Taylor's '72 native home of Arcata, CA.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after I graduated from high school," said Taylor. "So my buddy and I enlisted in the Army." It was, he says, the best move he ever made.

The Army gave him the opportunity to mature, travel and to study at The University of Tampa.

While in the Army, Taylor was deployed to West of Que Son in Vietnam in 1967. He was given a Medal of Honor because, while under enemy fire, he saved five wounded men from an armored cavalry that he believed was going to explode. Within minutes, a second armored cavalry assault vehicle was hit, and he then rescued men from that

burning vehicle just before it exploded.

He was hurt, but he continued on to relocate the medical evacuation landing zone to an area close to the front lines. After arriving to the evacuation site, another vehicle was struck, and again Taylor pulled the wounded from that vehicle and took them to safety.

When he returned to the U.S., Taylor realized that he'd need a college degree if he wanted to become a career officer, and UT, he said, was the perfect place to meet that requirement.

"I liked the idea of attending a university that offered small class sizes with an excellent academic program," said Taylor, and several friends chose to go to UT, so he knew people when he got onto campus.

"We also had a good football team," said Taylor, whose biggest surprise when visiting campus in 2005 was how much the campus has expanded and how different the school is without that football team.

After graduating, he continued with his military career. Taylor, now 74, is retired and living in California. He spends a lot of time traveling for the Medal of Honor Society and the group's foundation, visiting schools, civic organizations and wounded warriors.

He says that he hopes the younger generation becomes aware of the values of courage, sacrifice, selflessness, responsible citizenship, patriotism and integrity.

"The torch of freedom is now passed onto today's generation," he said. "They must be willing to sacrifice — and they are — to protect and preserve freedom for themselves and future generations after them."

IN 2005, ALL THREE MEN RETURNED TO campus together to be recognized by UT, and for the dedication of a plaque that now hangs in the Macdonald-Kelce Library. The plaque is a reminder to current and future UT students that among their fellow Spartans are three true American heroes. **UT**



Mangrove Forest (Bohol, Philippines)

An underwater photograph of a mangrove forest. The scene is dimly lit, with light filtering down from the surface, creating a hazy, blue-green atmosphere. In the foreground, several thick, dark, gnarled mangrove roots rise from the seabed. The seabed itself is covered in a layer of brown, sandy sediment and scattered fallen leaves, some of which are yellow and brown. The background shows more roots and the faint outlines of mangrove trees reaching towards the surface.

BY KILEY MALLARD PHOTOGRAPHS BY SCOTT TUASON '90

Scott "Gutsy" Tuason '90 has made a career
out of photographing life under the sea.

DIVING DEEP

**"‘YOU HAVE THE BEST JOB IN THE WORLD.’ AND I THOUGHT, ‘YOU’RE RIGHT.’
I AM SO FORTUNATE TO BE DOING THIS.” — SCOTT “GUTSY” TUASON ’90**

AS FAR BACK AS HE CAN RECALL, Scott “Gutsy” Tuason ’90 has been fascinated with life under the water. “I have always been drawn to underwater-themed stuff,” said Tuason. “Even before I could read I liked looking through books about the ocean for the pictures, especially sharks.”

What began as a childhood interest has blossomed into a career that has taken Tuason around the globe, photographing creatures and landscapes both above and below the water’s surface. In 2011 alone, he traveled to the southwestern United States, Antarctica, South Africa and Western Australia.

Tuason was born in Australia in 1968, but his parents moved with him to the Philippines when he was just an infant. As a boy he enjoyed free diving and received his first set of scuba gear at 11.

At 15 his father gave him a Nikonos 5, a 35mm camera designed for underwater photography. Tuason had already developed an interest topside playing around with Instamatic 110 and 35mm Nikon cameras, but this was the first time he was able to combine his two hobbies.

But it wasn’t until years later when he came to The University of Tampa that Tuason got serious about photography.

“I enrolled in Lew Harris’ Intro to Photography class, and I remember he said, ‘I’m not here to teach you about f-stops and shutter speeds. I’m here to teach you about seeing things,’” said Tuason who came to UT in 1986. “That class had a lot of influence on me. If someone were to ask, ‘Do you have a mentor?’ I’d say it was Lew.”

Though he started out as a marine biology major, Tuason quickly realized he enjoyed photographing animals, not dissecting them. So he changed his major to economics with a photography minor.

After graduation, Tuason worked briefly at the Davis Island Yacht Club, cleaning boats and teaching tennis,



Tuason ’90 photographing leopard seals during a trip to Antarctica in 2011.

before moving back to the Philippines to work at Armscor Arms and Amunition, his family’s business.

“I still work there, but it’s taken me 20 years to figure out that it’s not what I *really* do,” said Tuason. “I don’t own a home. I drive a company car. If I’m going to spend money, I want to go somewhere or upgrade my equipment.”

Tuason first began publishing his photos in the travel section of the Filipino fashion magazine *Mega* in 1992. “Right when I got back from UT, one of the employees my dad had hired was the treasurer for a fashion magazine, so I started there,” said Tuason. “Little by little I started working for other magazines, first local, then regional, then European and U.S.”

Tuason contributes to *Asian Diver* (Singapore), *Sport Diving* (Australia), *Scuba Globe Asia Pacific* (Thailand) and *Philippine Diver and Thai Diver*, among others. He’s written 75 articles and his photos have graced 18 covers.

Eventually, Tuason branched out into books and has published five to date. His first was a collaboration with the painter Cusi called *The Philippine Coral Reefs in Watercolor*.

For his second book, *Anilao*, he describes meeting a publisher during a World Wildlife Fund trip to the Turtle Islands. While discussing the potential for a photography book on the Philip-

pinos, the publisher suggested they focus on one area, Anilao.

So they did.

The book went on to win the International Prize for Underwater Image Books during the 27th World Festival of Underwater Pictures in Antibes, France in 2000, which Tuason describes as the Oscars® for underwater photography.

Since then he’s been photographing, publishing and travelling, making the most of every moment. He said his brother’s death in 2004 sparked a fever in him.

“I don’t want to waste any more time pushing things back,” said Tuason. “So I’ve been on a wild quest, traveling, taking pictures. That’s when my adventures really started.”

Tuason has met *Jaws* author Peter Benchley during a trip to Isla Guadalupe, Mexico, to photograph great white sharks; traveled with Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, then-president of the Philippines, to promote diving in the country; captured the Aurora Borealis on film in Alaska; and followed a tuna from where it was caught all the way to where it was served. His “top five” experiences, in no particular order, are listed on the following page.

Today Tuason is editor-in-chief of *Lonely Planet Philippines* and working on a book that matches song lyrics with his photographs.

In November 2011, Tuason came back to UT for a Gallery Talk at the Scarfone/Hartley Gallery to close out an exhibition of his photographs. “To be invited back to the place where you learned everything to talk about what you’ve done,” said Tuason. “I’m grateful.”

When asked why he does what he does, Tuason said, “First for the adventure of trying to get these images, but also to bring awareness so people will care. A friend said to me recently, ‘You have the best job in the world.’ And I thought, ‘You’re right.’ I am so fortunate to be doing this.” **UT**

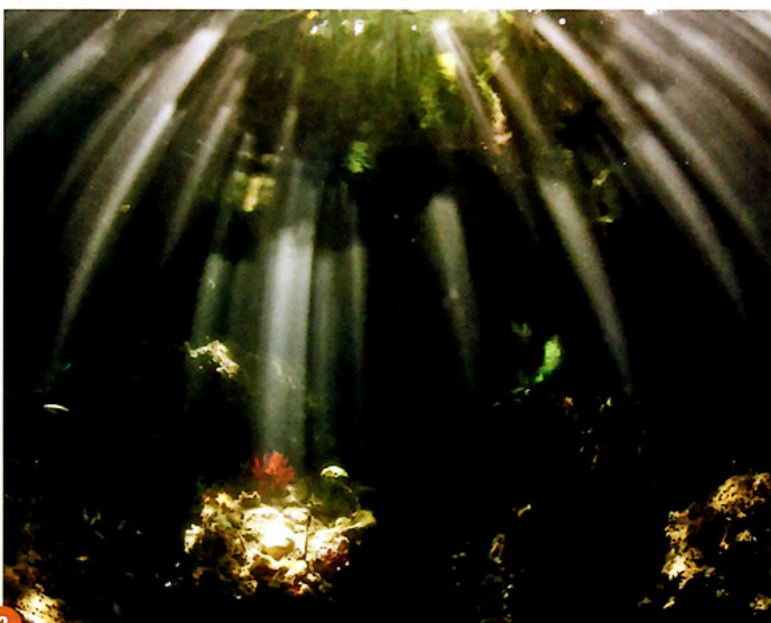
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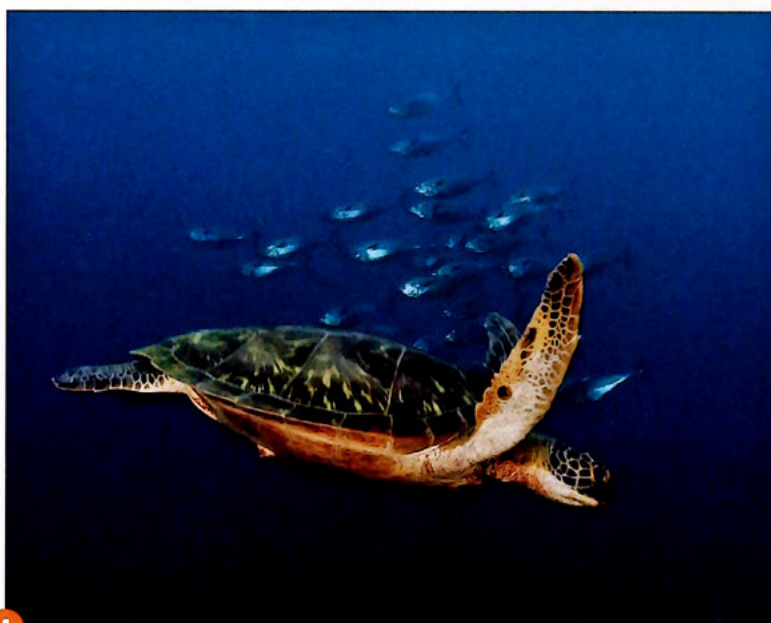
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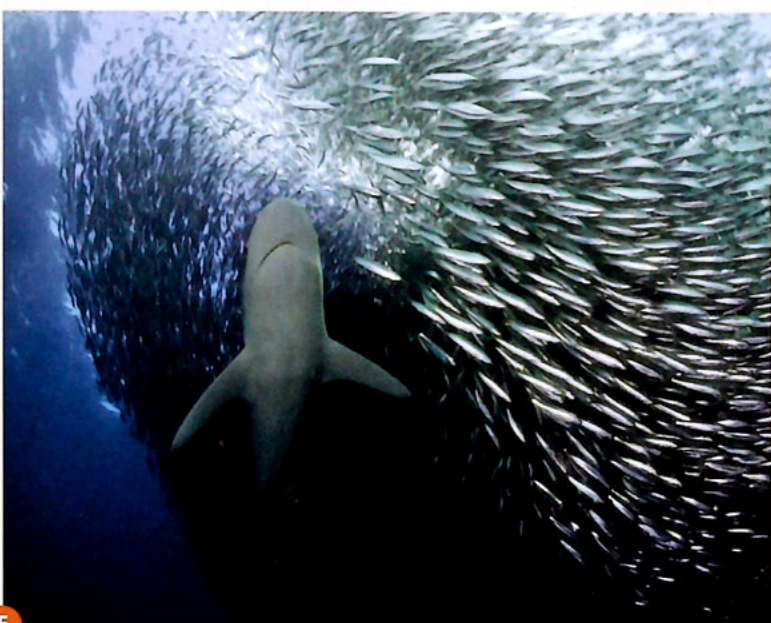
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1. Antarctica

"I was trying to get photos of the leopard seal, which are 12 feet long, 1,000 pounds and vicious. The water was 1 degree Celsius so I could only go in for 15-20 minutes at a time."

2. Galapagos, Ecuador

"There's this place called Darwin's Arch that I think is the best dive spot in the world. There were thousands of hammerhead sharks as well as other wildlife."

3. Raja Ampat Islands, West Papua, Indonesia

"This was a really unique spot where the rain forest meets the reef. The diversity of life was just phenomenal."

4. Pescador Island, Philippines

"This photo is of a turtle with tuna in the background, but I actually caught a thresher shark hunting on film during this trip, something no one else has captured." (Tuason plans to publish those photos in an upcoming issue of *National Geographic*.)

5. Sardine Run off the Coast of South Africa

"I would equate this experience to going up to a pride of lions while they were feeding. There's this ball of sardines and gannet birds and whales and sharks. It was the single most exciting thing I've done while diving."



alumni report



Admissions volunteers, like Jordan Maltese '13, wear QR-coded "I Heart UT" T-shirts during tours of campus.

Heart to Heart

UT MEANS MANY DIFFERENT THINGS to many different people. Just as the University has evolved and grown over the years, the student and alumni experiences have also changed. The student experience at UT, or any university for that matter, is different today than it was in the 1950s. Regardless of when you attended UT, all alumni have one thing in common — unique memories and stories about their time on campus. If you are reading this magazine today, more than likely UT played a major role in your life, and we'd like to hear about it.

UT's admissions office recently created a Web page where UT students and alumni can submit stories, photos and videos about why they love UT. Launched in August 2011, the appropriately titled "I Heart UT" page displays the submissions for all to read and enjoy. Through the page, staff

have slowly amassed a collection of reflections on what's great at UT.

Alumni have shared why their overall undergraduate experience was a reason to "heart" UT:

"I heart UT because the campus never has a dull moment! I instantly felt at home when I arrived on campus, and I have never lost that feeling. From the outstanding faculty that will make special appointments with you if you need the extra help, to the dining staff that always remembered who you were and what you wanted (if you always got the same thing like me), to the other students who helped you create fun and interesting memories — the people at UT are what made me fall in love with this community and still hold my love to this day." —Tara '08

While others have pointed to a specific group that positively impacted them:

"I heart UT because it was my home

away from home. Alpha Gamma Delta gave me the sisters I never had and being a part of that organization provided me with great memories, lifelong friends and invaluable leadership experience."

— Valerie '07

One common theme across all the submissions is an overall love for UT's professors:

"I loved being a student at UT, not another face or number in the crowd. Faculty and staff members at UT actually got to know me. If they saw me or helped me out more than twice they usually made it a point to remember my name or my face. It was a lot of personalized attention without it being overbearing. I felt like a person at UT. It felt like I mattered. I love UT." — Sarah '10

"The University has provided me with a great education with a unique sport management program. The opportunities that have been around me are a result of UT. The University continues to improve itself and provide students with both a great classroom and college experience."

— John '12

Working in the alumni office I get to meet alumni from different generations and hear their stories and memories of UT. Up until now there hasn't been a platform available to share them with the whole UT population. In all honesty not all of them are fitting for the "I Heart UT" Web page, but the majority would be great additions. I encourage you to go online to www.ut.edu/whyiheartut to read more of these submissions and to share why you love UT with the world by sending your story to iheartut@ut.edu.



Do you have news to share? Contact Jay Hardwick, Alumni Director alumni@ut.edu (813) 253-6209

class acts

WHAT'S NEW? Stay in touch by sending us your Class Acts. Go to alumni.ut.edu today!

47 Fred Lenfestey and Dot (James) Lenfestey '49 celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Fred was the founding president of Polk State College and held the position for 19 years. He was the chief bass drummer of the UT band and president of SKN fraternity. Dot was president of UT's Delta Kappa sorority. They have three children.
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64 Jean (Lackovic) Amuso received the Peace Legacy Award from WMNF radio. WMNF Peace Awards recognize community leaders who have made great strides in the areas of human rights, social and economic justice, and non-violence. Amuso was also chair of the Chiseler's Annual Market that was held in March.
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65 George Moran was recently re-elected to the Board of Trustees at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Maryland. He is proud of his

service as chairman of the board for the past two years.

66 Richard Davison and Dorinda (Garcia) Davison have been married for 46 years and have two daughters and three grandchildren. Richard recently published a nonfiction storybook named *Puddles of Ithaca*.
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Joann (Russo) Moroni retired after 40 years of teaching to help care for her grandson and his new brother in the fall. She would love to hear from old friends!
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67 Cynthia Dayton married Bill Humenuk in 2007. They have a combined family of six children and six grandchildren. They spend their time living in Naples, FL, or in New Jersey enjoying time with their family.
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Georgia Simmons taught music for Pasco County Schools for 22 years. She still sings in the choir



Grub and Grog

Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter members Matt Michini '06, Julianne Sederquest '07 (center) and Mariah Bieber '00 guarded Plant Hall from pirates during the Gasparilla Brunch. This year's event attracted more than 260 attendees with an all-you-can-eat buffet and spirits, as well as Spartan games and a live band.

of the Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church and gives private lessons in voice and piano.

71 Gregory Howell retired after 30 years of service at the police department in Washington, D.C., and welcomed two new grandsons in December, Liam and James. He and his wife now travel the country checking off items on their "bucket list."
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72 Robert L. Coe recently joined AFH Acquisition V Inc. in Beverly Hills, CA, as the company's CEO. Coe most recently

served as president/CEO of Covenant Services Worldwide LLC.

Alex Edlin has been a stunt performer for more than 30 years. According to his imdb.com profile, he has performed in a wide array of films and TV shows, including *Law Abiding Citizen*, *Up in the Air*, *The Sopranos*, *Red Eye* and *Transporter 2*.

Bismarck Myrick hosted his 10th annual Thanksgiving Day celebration in Portsmouth, VA, in November 2011. He founded the celebrations when he returned home in 2002 at the end of his distinguished diplomatic career.

Be One of UT's Biggest Fans. The Alumni Association has recently converted its Facebook friend page to a fan page. There are more than 2,500 fans. Not one of them? "Like" the page at www.facebook.com/utalumni. On the page you'll find photos, updates and event information.



73 Nancy Kalafus has been the athletic director for Garden City High School in Garden City, NY, for 16 years. According to an article in the *Garden City Patch*, the school received the Scholar/Athlete Team School of Distinction Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the fifth time since its inception. To qualify, every one of the 32 varsity teams must have an average GPA of 90 or higher.

John Magnolia received the President's Award from St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C. Magnolia was recognized for his achievements as the executive vice president of The Magnolia Companies, a large and well-respected plumbing, mechanical and site utility company, as well as for his many other business and philanthropic ventures. Previous recipients of this award include Antonin Scalia, Jack Kemp and J. Edgar Hoover.

75 Robert Collins was promoted to president of the Foulger-Pratt Commercial Property Management Company, a leading real estate management, developer and construction firm that was voted one of the "Top 50 Best Places to Work" by the *Washington Business Journal*. He remains an active community member.

Donald Marinelli, who co-founded the Master of Entertainment Technology degree program and the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon University with the late Randy Pausch, was featured in an article in the *Innovation Investment Journal*. The article features several videos of Marinelli speaking about the center and what he calls "edutainment."

Mark Menendez is a painting instructor at the Mountain Home



spartan spotlight

David Smith '72

Reinventing the Family Farm

Talk about putting down roots.

Springfield Farm in Sparks, MD, has been in David Smith's family since the mid-1600s. The family-run business — two of Smith's daughters and their families see to the day-to-day operation of the farm — practices sustainable agricultural methods whereby the animals are given no hormones, antibiotics or anything else unnatural and have free range during the grass-growing season.

The 67-acre farm provides poultry, beef, lamb, pork, rabbit, eggs, dairy and produce to some 750 families, 40 restaurants, markets and universities in the Baltimore metro area.

Although Springfield Farm has been in his family for generations, this version of it has only been around since 2000. Smith grew up on the farm, but left after high school to join the Army.

"You needed a foreign language to get an academic degree, and I'd flunked French, so I didn't think I was ready for college," said Smith. "The funny part is that within four years of enlisting, I'd met and married my wife Lilly, a French woman,

and eventually became a French interpreter."

Smith became an officer and served two combat tours in Vietnam, eventually earning his degree (in French) at UT. He stayed in the military for 23 years, retiring as a decorated lieutenant colonel.

Then he embarked on his second career, working for Raytheon Corporation in Europe and the Middle East for more than 10 years.

"After that, I decided to go back to farming," said Smith. He began researching organic farming and drew up a business plan in 1999. "I was set to start knocking on restaurant doors in the winter of 2000, when a restaurant owner came to me and started ordering."

Smith says that his business plan was blown out of the water within six months, the business doubling every year until 2008.

"Now we're about the size we would like to be," he said. "It's very gratifying. It provides two of our daughters for more than basic living expenses."



A Golden Reception

Fannie (Rosenberg) Zamore '50 and her husband Mits '50 raise a glass to the class of 1962 at the Golden Spartan Society induction lunch in February. The society, which recognizes alumni that graduated 50-plus years ago, inducted the class of 1962 this year.

Collection in Waynesville, NC, according to an article in the *Asheville Citizen-Times*.

76 Jeffrey Willis retired as captain of detectives in 2003 from Sussex County, NJ, and has three wonderful grandchildren. He and his wife Betty reside in Branchville, NJ.
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77 Jeffrey S. Garber accepted the position of vice president of network development at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI, bringing an immense amount of experience into developing the rehabilitation network.
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Jeffrey S. Garber '77

Mark Ketley is the executive director of the Trackside Teen Center in Wilton, CT. According to an article in *The Hour*, Ketley was recently reunited with Ted Hoffstat, the local Board of Selectmen's liaison for Trackside, who Ketley coached at a baseball clinic at UT.

78 Cheryl (Klein) Stevens was recently named the dean of the Ogden College of Science and Engineering at Western Kentucky University. Stevens was previously the associate dean for scholarship at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

79 Charlie Dickens helped plan and now manages the new Alachua, FL, location of Gulf Coast Supply & Manufacturing LLC.

80 William Richardson, after 31 years of working for Phi Delta Theta, has recently accepted a new position as the vice president for advancement at Cumberland University.
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Bryon A. Holz '83

83 Bryon A. Holz was elected president of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors-Florida.

84 Rock Blanco MBA was selected as one of *Business Travel News* "Top 25 Most Influential Executives of the Business Travel Industry for 2011," which included visionaries such as Steve Jobs and William Marriott. He is currently helping his daughter look at colleges and is hoping she will be a third-generation Spartan!

85 H. Wayne Huizenga Jr. received the American Free Enterprise Medal from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL. Huizenga is president of Huizenga Holdings Inc., which manages the Huizenga family owned private businesses and real estate.

86 Keith Vassolotti MBA is the chief operating officer and chief financial officer of Cybrix Group, an IT firm headquartered in Tampa. According to an article in the *Gulf Coast Business Review*, Vassolotti joined the firm in 2010 from his position as CFO with Ceridian, a Minnesota-based human resources firm.

87 Michael Hanlon was named to the board of directors of Sibling Group Holdings Inc. Hanlon operates his own



Antoinette (DiPalma) Plogstedt '87

consultancy and has more than 20 years of expertise with mergers and acquisitions across the globe. He specializes in the international expansion of both mature and entrepreneurial organizations.

Antoinette (DiPalma) Plogstedt was recently appointed to serve as the judicial liaison for the Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers. She is completing her 11th year as a judge and is also raising four daughters with her husband in Orlando.
Email: aplogstedt@yahoo.com

88 Joann (Stroh) Kartes was selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel in January 2010 in the Army Reserve Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program.

89 Jeffrey W. Drushal, a colonel in the U.S. Army and commander of the 45th Sustainment Brigade, officially assumed responsibility for sustainment operations for roughly half of Afghanistan. The 45th Sustainment Brigade, also known as the "Lightning Support" brigade, exchanged responsibilities with the 7th Sustainment Brigade at a ceremony held on Kandahar Airfield on Feb. 4.

William Keith Fulk was inducted into the Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in November 2011, according to the *Lebanon Daily News*. Fulk currently serves as head coach

of the men's soccer team at Saint Leo University.

Ehab Kenawy is a co-owner of the Panama City Beach Pirates, a young adult soccer team in the United Soccer League. Kenawy played soccer for UT.

Tino Martinez was recently inducted into the Ted Williams Hitters Hall of Fame. Martinez played 16 seasons in Major League Baseball for the Seattle Mariners, New York Yankees, St. Louis Cardinals and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

90 Brad Kanter is the president and founder of Kanter & Associates, P.A., C.P.A. He recently completed a fellowship in IRS Representation, a three-year program from the National Tax Practice Institute that expands participants' knowledge of IRS codes.

Stephen Mauldin accepted the position of group president, fund management with CNL Financial Group and is responsible for executive leadership of two public Real Estate Investment Trusts with more than \$3 billion in assets. Email: shm34@bellsouth.net

Peter Platteborze received national board certification in clinical chemistry before leaving the University of Washington Long-Term Health Education and Training fellowship. He is now assigned to the Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, serving as the Army's forensic drug testing program manager. Email: peter.platteborze@us.army.mil

91 Joe Langowski MBA was named chair of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators Curriculum and Institution Committee. He serves as an assistant superintendent of the Maple Shade School District. Email: joelangowski@hotmail.com

92 Dianne Farrington is an eighth grade English teacher and has attained her master's degree in teaching and learning.

Email: pidgypot@aol.com

Fred Lewis Sr. was hired as men's basketball coach at Middleton High School in Tampa.

Julie Pacatte was hired as the economic development coordinator for the city of Batavia, NY, according to a piece in the *The Daily News Online*.

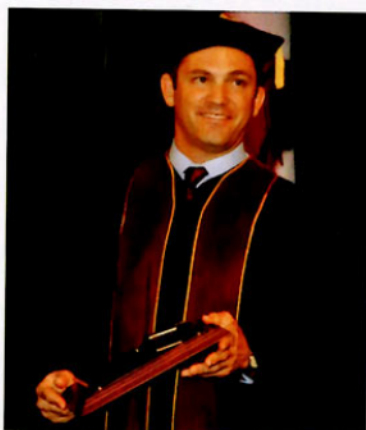
93 Philip Foster is the founder and CEO of Maximum Change Inc., a leadership coaching and consulting firm. In November 2011, he announced that Maximum Change had formed a strategic partnership with Syngii LLC.

94 John Graham was recently promoted to sergeant and assigned to patrol at the Middleboro (MA) Police Department.

Email: blueline92@comcast.net

Diane Wilkosz MBA is chief financial officer and chief operating officer of First Service Administrators Inc. She was named a finalist for *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* CFO of the Year in 2011 and 2012.

95 Tommy D. Black was appointed by Georgia Gov-



Brian Smith '95

MEMORIES OF CHARLES HYDE

Former UT faculty member Charles Hyde passed away last summer. We were contacted by an alumnus who asked if he could share a few of his memories of Hyde. Here are excerpts of what he wrote:

Charlie wasn't the typical professor; some would say he was "quirky." But to me, Charlie was a sage.

He presented concepts in contemporary terms. If the price of a six-pack of beer increased, demand would shrink; if the price dropped, demand would rise.

He reinforced that we live in a competitive world, and that's how we were graded. ... The best answer [to quizzes] received full credit, and the lesser answers didn't. ... a measure of both his success at teaching the concepts and our success at learning them.

Earning money was fun. He always said that he planned to spend his last cent just before death. He didn't want to leave it to his kids because "why give it to them, they wouldn't have the enjoyment of earning it?"

When I graduated, I lost touch with Charlie. I wish I didn't. He taught many great lessons, and I'm sure he had plenty more to offer. Thank you UT for providing me the opportunity to learn from a sage like Charlie Hyde.

— Barry Curewitz '86, MBA '88

ernor Nathan Deal to the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists in the Division of Professional Counselors. Co-owner and director of Darsey, Black & Associates LLC, Black has been providing mental health services to southeast Georgia since 1998.

Bob Everson was recently promoted to global IT operations senior manager for the Boeing Company and completed a master's degree in engineering and technology management at Washington University.

Email: bob_everson@comcast.net

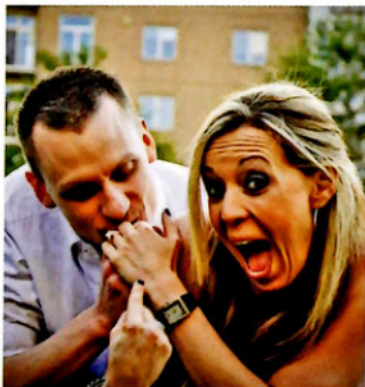
Brian Smith was presented with the UT Alumni Association Alumni Achievement award at UT's commencement in December. The award recognizes alumni who

have made great accomplishments in their careers. Smith is the co-founder and managing partner of the LCG companies, which consist of LCG Capital and the Lender's Consulting Group.

96 Garey Burrill just completed deployment with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit working as a future operations officer during its fall patrol. He is currently in Okinawa, Japan, and assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Email: garey.burrill@usmc.mil

James K. Beckman MBA joined the Carondelet Foundation Board of Trustees in February 2012. He was appointed president and CEO of Carondelet Health Network in December 2011 after serving in an interim capacity since October 2011.



Chris Griffis and Shanna Greene '00

97 **Elijah S. Ewing MBA** is a financial advisor living in Tampa and has been distinguished as an Ameriprise Platinum Financial Services Advisor. No more than 20 percent of the Ameriprise financial advisors achieve this status.

Kat Heckenbach is the author of *Finding Angel*, a young-adult novel about a girl who can't remember her magical heritage, which was released by Splash-down Books in September 2011. (See page 33.) Heckenbach also wrote an essay for *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Just for Preteens*, titled "Armored and Dangerous."

98 **Deborah Ginsberg** and **John Walsh** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Jacquelynn Shayna Walsh on Nov. 18, 2010. Email: deborahmginsberg@yahoo.com

David Virgilio MBA '00 spoke to a group of business students at his alma mater, Citrus County High School in Inverness, FL, in November 2011. Virgilio, a senior vice president of Energy Trading at Macquarie Energy in Houston, was invited by CHS business teacher Cheryl Lewis to speak to business classes about "Overcoming Adversity and Paying it Forward."

99 **Lauren (Geller) Coup** and **Michael Palso** were honored at the *Tampa Bay*



Samuel Wayne Boggs

Business Journal Up and Comers Awards dinner in November 2011.

00 **Paul DeSimone** is a personal trainer at Gym Warriors in Peabody, MA. According to an article in *The Salem News*, five of the women DeSimone has trained have qualified for the 2012 United States Powerlift Federation nationals. All five have also set state records as well as national marks that rank them among the top 100 in the country.

Shanna Greene is engaged to Chris Griffis and planning a July wedding. She also started her own business: a flat fee real estate listing service (www.portlandlistforless.com).

Tyler Kalman married Laurie Sorito on Oct. 14, 2011, in Dongan Hills, Staten Island, NY. Kalman is an officer with the city police department in Brooklyn, NY.

Peter Kane was recently hired as the town planner/energy efficiency manager for Swampscott, MA, according to the *Swampscott Patch*. In this role, Kane explores ways to make the town more pedestrian and biker friendly. Kane holds a certificate from Tufts University in community environmental studies, a certificate from Boston Architectural College in design computing and is working on a master's degree from Tufts in urban and environmental policy and planning.

Clayton Long III received his Master of Science in computer science from the University of South Florida in May 2011. A paper he co-authored while working on his degree, "Cheaters in the Steam Community Gaming Social Network," was recently mentioned on feedthegamer.info.

01 **Beth Lyon** earned a Master of Arts in public policy from New England College and finished with a GPA of 3.93.

Stephanie Metz accepted a new position as assistant athletic director for compliance and student-athlete welfare at East Tennessee State University. Email: minaretcrow@gmail.com

02 **Rodrigo Rodriguez-Novas** is a Formula 3 Freediver and was featured in an ABC *Nightline* broadcast participating in the Cayman Grand Prix in May 2011.

Melissa Spigutz married Mike Murray on June 25, 2011, and received her Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Cleveland State University in August. She then began working as a high school science teacher in the Mayfield City School District in Mayfield, OH.

Jason Stewart is serving as the director of business strategy for CareerBuilder.com. In this position, he is responsible for developing human capital strategies that drive profitability for a wide range of organizations.

03 **Elizabeth (Wetenkamp) Boggs** and her husband James welcomed a son, Samuel Wayne, on Jan. 18. Boggs is a graduate of the Thomas Cooley School of Law and served as an assistant prosecutor in Grand Rapids, MI, for three years. After

her marriage, she joined the U.S. Army and is currently a captain serving as a legal assistance attorney at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, HI.

Jaime (Ruffolo) Kulaga has recently partnered with College Hunks Hauling Junk to form Collegiate Cleaning. Kulaga serves as co-owner/CEO of the company, which does residential and commercial cleaning in Tampa. She also hired another UT alumnus, **James Price Giles '11**, as the sales and operating manager. Website: www.collegiatecleaning.com

C. Christopher Miller led the Admiral Farragut Academy football team to its first state championship game in the school's history. Miller is an alumnus of the academy, located in St. Petersburg, and returned to teach social studies in 2003. He was named the head football coach in 2005.

Nevil Sampayo joined the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as a structured products analyst and earned an MBA with a concentration in quantitative finance from New York University's Stern School of Business.

Email: nevilsampayo@gmail.com

Wendy (Bogart) Wheeler received her doctoral degree in physical therapy in 2008 from the University of Central Arkansas and has been working with Aegis Therapies for a year and a half. She has been married for 12 years to husband Chad, and her daughter Reina is 2 years old.

Email: Wendybird5@msn.com

04 **Michelle Hummel** married her college sweetheart **Roger Machlin** at Old Christ Church in Pensacola, FL, on April 16, 2011.

Email: mdmachlin@gmail.com

Melissa Hurley married Barry MacFarlane of Tampa at a



Michelle Hummel '04 and Roger Machlin '04

ceremony in Treasure Island in May 2011. The couple honeymooned in St. Maarten, FWI. Email: mhurley.pr@gmail.com

Adam Jones and April Gillespie Jones welcomed their daughter, Ally Lynne, on October 17, 2011.

05 Crystal (Banning) Ingoglia started her own law firm in January 2012: the Law Offices of Crystal B. Ingoglia, P.A. She focuses on practicing construction law and also serves as general counsel for a local building materials supplier.

Email: cingoglia@me.com

Daniel McCoy and his wife Hillary recently opened the Iron Pelican, an antiques shop in St. Petersburg. The McCoy's purchase items from auctions, garage and estate sales and restore them with a modern flourish to sell in the store. McCoy also works as a bartender and Hillary is a dental hygienist.

Christina Seado Vasquez obtained a Master of Arts degree in business communications from Jones International University and is currently working on a doctorate in business administration. She is married with a 4-year-old son, Xavier.

Email: cms4282@hotmail.com

Mona Lisa Tatum-Watler received a Bronze Star for Creativity in the Arts from The



Barry MacFarlane and Melissa Hurley '04

Cayman National Cultural Foundation at the 18th annual National Arts and Culture Awards in January 2012. Since 2007, Tatum-Watler has been employed at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands as communications and marketing manager. She is the proud mom of Blake and Sariah.

Nesrine (Jassim) Zalloum married Amer Zalloum in July 2011 and moved to West Conshohocken, PA. Email: precioustito@aol.com

06 Joe Anders MBA '10 and his family were honored by Ridgewood High School with the second annual Anders Family Shootout on Jan. 28, 2012. Anders is a graduate of the school in New Port Richey, FL, and played basketball under his father, who was head coach, according to an article in the *Tampa Bay Times*.

Sarah Johnson and fellow UT graduate **Matthew Orefice '05** opened a non-profit in Bristol, CT, called Bare Bones that is making big headway into revitalizing downtown Bristol and bringing arts and culture back to the area. Orefice has since started painting live in Northampton, MA. Website: www.barebonesbristol.com

Diana (Dellose) Jones M.Ed. '09 and husband **Jonathan Jones M.Ed. '10** celebrated the birth of their son, Jackson, on Aug. 28, 2010. Email: dianajon1@gmail.com



Sarah Johnson '06

Brian Metz MBA was promoted to vice president of business development at Agile Thought Inc. in Tampa.

Kelly Schmich was hired by Pine River Valley Bank in Colorado as its vice president and loan administrator. She started her career at Marshall and Ilsley Bank in Wisconsin, starting as a credit analyst and working her way up to commercial banking assistant vice president, loan underwriter/portfolio manager.

Steven Scholz graduated with a juris doctor from the University



Jackson Jones

of Maryland School of Law last May and was hired in November as legal affairs specialist for the Office of International Business at Johns Hopkins University.

Evan Schwartz opened Rooftop 120, a 7,000-square-foot bar, restaurant and lounge on the third floor of a building in Eric Town Square in Glastonbury, CT, in August 2011, according to an article on ctnow.com. With weatherized accommodations such as fire pits, heaters and awnings, Rooftop 120 is thought to be the largest four-season rooftop venue in New



Spartans in the Mile-High City

Denver-area alumni and parents got together for a small gathering at the Blake Street Tavern on Friday, Nov. 11. From left: Jim Bridgman '03, Becky (Carey) Bridgman '02 and Steve Simon (parent).

spartan spotlight

Becky Kagan Schott '04

Swimming with Sharks



During a childhood trip with her father to Fort Lauderdale, FL, Becky Kagan Schott took her first steps into a brand new world. Schott was 11 when she went on her first scuba dive.

Though the experience was new, Schott's steps as a diver were not slow and cautious. "I was never afraid of the water," she says. "I was jumping off a diving board at age two. It wasn't scary."

The Pittsburgh-born girl did face one challenge: trying to find a dive shop in "The Steel City."

A move to Florida a year later gave Schott a bigger springboard into exploring scuba. "My dad passed away when I was 13," she says. "We moved to Florida to be with family. My mom would drop me off at the dive shop and off I would go."

Today, Schott's diving trips take her much farther than Florida locations. She is an underwater photographer and videographer. She and

her husband, David, started Liquid Productions LLC in 2007.

"You work yourself up to it," she says. "If somebody would have told me I would be diving in 300 to 400 feet of water and going into caves, I would have said, 'Yeah, sure. Not me.'"

Schott's career carried her back to Fort Lauderdale late last year when she and her husband won Emmy Awards for a feature story on Eagle's Nest Cave that aired on CBS.

"It is fulfilling," she says. "Anyone who ever told me I couldn't make a career out of this, the Emmy said we are doing what we are meant to do."

Even though she has shared the water with great white sharks, there is one thing she is afraid of. When Schott gets a shot, all bets are off.

"The nurse has to distract me so I can get a flu shot," she says. "My fear is needles. Diving with sharks is fine."

England. Schwartz said he was inspired by the nightlife in Tampa and Miami during his years at UT.

Heather (Eli) Siler and her husband Nathan are happy to announce the birth of their son, Grayden Douglas, on July 29, 2011. Email: hlsiler@yahoo.com

Dave Zupkosky is engaged to Katie Piloseno, and they have set the wedding date for March 2013. He is working with Mercedes Benz of Tampa as the senior service consultant and is master level certified with Mercedes Benz USA. Email: davezupkosky@aol.com

07 **Cara E. Barone** was honored at the *Tampa Bay Business Journal* Up and Comers Awards dinner in November 2011.

Micah Hoffman is working as a resident physician in psychiatry at the Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at the Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital, part of the University of California, Los Angeles Medical Center. He graduated in Spring 2011 with his Doctor of Medicine degree from Jefferson Medical College at the Thomas Jefferson University. Email: mthoffman@mednet.ucla.edu

Darryl Horton is currently working as a registered nurse in several emergency rooms in Tampa. He is looking to soon advance his career into healthcare administration. Email: Darryl172002@aol.com

Ashleah Hughes wed **Blake Boehringer '07** on Oct. 9, 2011. According to *Carolina Bride*, the two met during their first year at UT when Ashleah was a cheerleader and Blake played for the men's basketball team. Blake proposed during a visit to the UT campus in 2009.

Stephen Jolles joined Priority One Financial Services as a business manager. Previously,



Meghann Mulbarger '07 and Tim Herrmann '07 MBA '11

Jolles was a mortgage banker and recreational loan officer.

Meghann Mulbarger married **Tim Herrmann '07 MBA '11** on October 22, 2011.

Email: megmulbarger@aol.com

Amy Rumore and **Margeaux Sinibaldi '08**, who were teammates in 2006 on the UT Division II national championship volleyball team, are both rookie volleyball coaches in the Tampa Bay area. Rumore coaches the volleyball team at Plant High School while Sinibaldi coaches the Bloomingdale High School team.

Jessica Walsh was admitted to the California State Bar in June 2010 and is now living in Los Angeles, CA, working as an associate attorney at Howard & Smith. Email: Jessicawalshesq@gmail.com

08 Joel Fenelon and **Nick Jagodzinski** have launched an artist-friendly music platform called Muzimé (www.muzime.com) that allows musicians to directly profit from sales of their music and helps music lovers discover new artists and interact with fellow fans.

Connie Gee MBA was a featured presenter at the Bay Area Wellness Coordinators of Florida's Second Annual Bay Area Meeting and Expo in December 2011. Gee, who is vice president of Med-

Vision, LLC, presented "Leading Strategic Change in Wellness."

Harrison Haas's photos were recently published in a book, *The History of Gunstock: Skiing in the Belknap Mountains*.

Email: harrisonwhaas@hotmail.com

Kaitlin Monte was recently crowned Miss New York and competed in the Miss America pageant where she earned second runner-up honors and a \$20,000 scholarship. In the preliminary round Kaitlin was also the Lifestyle and Fitness winner.

Website: www.kaitlinmonte.com

Kelsy Taylor is the GTR Newspapers Web editor and feature writer. Taylor is an accomplished equestrian as well as a journalist.

09 Shannon Aitken was named coach of the Anclote High School boys' basketball team. Aitken teaches in the exceptional student education department at Anclote.

Jonathan Beaton was featured in an article in the *Gulf Coast Business Review* highlighting his efforts as marketing director at iDatix. In the article, the company's CEO credits Beaton's work with helping to double their revenues in 2011.

Thomas Cunningham moved to New York City and began working in the Global Funds Group at JP Morgan.

Email: thomaspaulcunningham@yahoo.com

Vickey Farley began her 12-week student-teaching on Feb. 6. Once completed, she will have a master's in elementary education. She plans to begin working on her doctorate within the next year.

Ethan Lewis is founder and CEO of GlucoBrands LLC, which produces products for people affected by Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. His first product, GlucoPouch,

was featured in the November 2011 issue of *Diabetes Self-Management* as one of the magazine's "2011 Tools of the Trade."

Michelle Magner will marry **William Tiani** on Oct. 20, 2012. Email: magnermichelle@gmail.com

Jonathan Marcantoni published his first book in collaboration with author Jean Blasiar, entitled *Communion*, through Savant Books and Publications. (See below.) Savant will also publish his second novel, *Traveler's Rest*, in Spring 2012. Marcantoni is starting a publishing company, Aignos (www.newerawriters.blogspot.com).

Email: jon.marcantoni@gmail.com
Sergio Perez played baseball with the Tigres de Aragua of the Venezuelan Winter League in 2011, according to Astros.com.

Amber Rehman is a cheerleader for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and student finance planner.

Averia Wright was chosen to be a curatorial trainee at the National Art Gallery of The Bahamas in Nassau, Bahamas. Wright will assist with exhibition development, collections management, research, public programming, merchandising and gallery promotion.

10 Mattheis Carley started a new job with Global Experience Specialists (GES) as manager, exhibition operations. He oversees the installation and

dismantling of various international traveling entertainment experiences such as "Harry Potter: The Exhibition" and "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Exhibition."

Email: mcarley@spartans.ut.edu

Chad Elwin recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, IL.

Diana Forbes was one of six employees chosen to travel the country for Southwest Airlines' 40th anniversary. She spent four months traveling to 25 different cities nationwide to put on service projects with employees and the public from each city and was featured on a billboard in Times Square. She has moved to Dallas to be a writer at the Southwest Airlines headquarters.

Email: dforbes526@gmail.com

Aleksander Hetland MBA was on campus in January training with the Greater Tampa Swimming Association. Hetland, a member of Elite International Group from Club Wolverine, hopes to represent Norway in the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

Brendan Kennedy has started a new job as a statistics associate at ESPN. Email: brendan.kennedy22@gmail.com

Meghan Lally was hired as a receptionist for the WWE in August 2011. She also works as an assistant coach for the Darien High School gymnastics team.



Two alumni recently published books:

Communion by Jonathan Marcantoni '09 (in collaboration with Jean Blasiar) and *Finding Angel* by Kat Heckenbach '97.

Jeff Lemay was mentioned in an article in the *Nashua Telegraph* about Big Scene Imaging, the start-up company run by his father Victor Lemay and Tracy Wampler. Lemay is marketing director of the company.

Katherine Leonick is now the manager of ticket operations for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Minor League baseball team.

Pascal Milien recently joined FC Sligo Rovers, a professional Irish football club in the Premier Division in the League of Ireland.

Erin Palmer is a writer and editor for Bisk Education, working with Villanova University's human resources certification and degree programs. She recently wrote a guest post for the *Personal Branding Blog* about how seemingly meaningless jobs can be career stepping stones.

Nick Peterson was featured in the *St. Petersburg Times* in October 2011 for his "bachelorette boot camp" classes. Peterson, who appeared on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, operates the boot camps from the studio he trains at, Body Shapers.

11 Douglas Ackerman MBA was appointed executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus in December 2011. Ackerman has been a category marketing manager with Publix Super Markets Inc. since 2005.

Kelsey Lakeman began working as a research assistant for

Cell Signaling Technology, where she had previously completed internships in the summers of 2010 and 2011.

Anthony Perez recently signed with the Joliet Slammers, a professional baseball team in the independent Frontier League. Perez is the first rookie pitcher signed by the Slammers this off-season.

Doug Perusse is a business intelligence consultant with Convergence Consulting Group. In this role, Perusse will support the development of clients' reporting, dashboards and analytics, and will also support data warehouse and data management development needs.

Michael Rabelo was featured in a post on the blog *The Daily Fungo*. The blog's author had come across a Detroit Tigers program from 2001 when Rabelo played for the team.

Edlyn Ruiz took a position as a full time producer at Cayman 27 overseeing the station's nightly talk shows, according to a caycompass.com article. Ruiz had previously interned for the station as a reporter, associate producer and editor.

Lauren Stamm participated in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day For the Cure in October 2011 as part of "Team UT Tatas," according to an article in *The Minaret*. Stamm was joined by seven current UT students — Maggie Olley '12, Sam Simon '12, Annie Lesko '13, Leslie Stephenson '12, Hannah Magid '12,



Let's Get Together

A small group of Atlanta-area alumni and parents gathered for lunch at Six Feet Under before taking a guided walking tour of the historic Oakland Cemetery in November. Pictured here from left to right are Robyn Wesley MBA '98, Marcia Barasia (parent), Jerry Draluck '79 (also a parent), and Joyce and Larry Bergere (parents).

Becca Ogden '12 and Lis Paonessa '12 — who together raised \$25,000 for the 60-mile charity walkathon.

Matthew Thornton was featured in a *Tampa Bay Online* article about overcoming cerebral palsy to graduate from UT in December 2011. According to the article, despite his disability, Thornton never missed a day of school from kindergarten through 12th grade.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Virginia Morrow Patterson '39
Rosalie (Cacciatore) McDaniel '41
Herbert Goodroe '43
Carl A. Iovinella '47

Annie Anzalone Chillura '49
Credo Schwab '49
John Robert "Bobby" Fabian Sr. '50
Sue Sutker '51
Alfonso I. Dolcimascolo '53
Henry Hilliard Shell III '54
Louis Giacobbe '58
H. Glenn Waddell '58
Frank G. Comparetto Sr. '59
Robert "Bob" Pisano '64
Karl William Rossa '64
Levis R. Land '72
Susan (Shook) Mikolajczyk '74
Larry A. Valliere '80
Michael J. Hovanec '88

Faculty

Martin Edward Farkash
Earnest Leon Knight Jr.
Jane Urban

Tee Up! The Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter will hold the 21st annual Alumni Golf Classic on Friday, May 4. The tournament, formerly the Brian Claar Golf Classic, will be held at Feather Sound Country Club. All proceeds go to the UT Scholarship Fund. For more information email jburns@ut.edu.

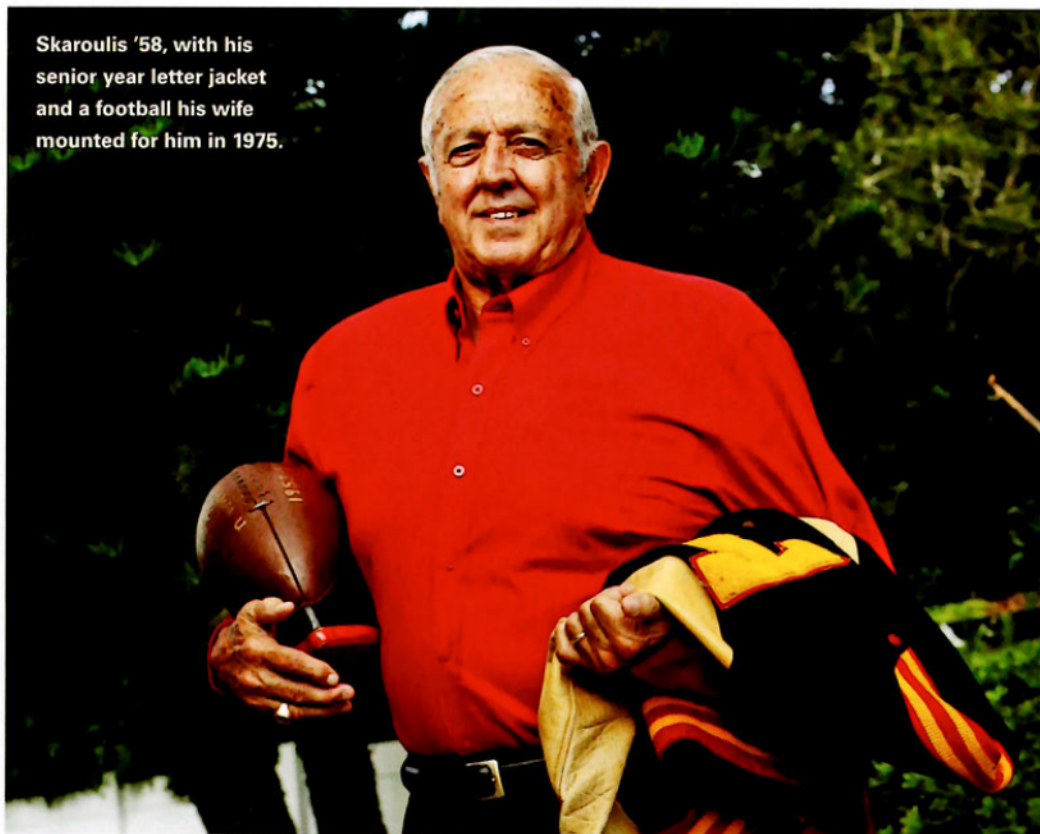


brick by brick

common good

WHY I GIVE: Mike Skaroulis '58

Skaroulis '58, with his senior year letter jacket and a football his wife mounted for him in 1975.



Major: Elementary Education

Profession: Retired principal, Pinellas County School District

Q: As a UT student, did you participate in extra-curricular activities?

A: I was offered a football scholarship to UT. I became the starting quarterback and captain of the UT Spartans. I also was in Theta Chi fraternity.

Q: Most memorable professor?

A: Ryan Beiser, who taught American history and political history, was one of the most interesting and motivating instructors I experienced. He made you want to come to class — and history was not my favorite subject! I have to say that Marcelino Huerta, UT athletic director and head football coach, really

influenced my life. He was a mentor to everyone on the team. If you needed help, he was there.

Q: Do you have a favorite place on campus?

A: I loved the back porch of Plant Hall! We played Ping-Pong every chance we got. It was fun to meet your friends between classes.

Q: Do you have a particular memory of UT?

A: My senior year, my room was in the minaret that faced Kennedy Boulevard. One night my roommate and some other guys went to the Hillsborough River and captured a five-foot alligator. Somehow, they got the gator in Plant Hall and up the steps to my

room in the minaret. They managed to secure the gator underneath my bed. My roommate pretended he was asleep when I came back to my room, so I turned out the light and got into bed. Suddenly I heard this grunting noise coming from somewhere in the room. I just couldn't figure out where the noise was coming from. I got out of bed and turned on the light. I checked under the bed and found the gator. Everyone had a great laugh.

Q: What do you like best about UT?

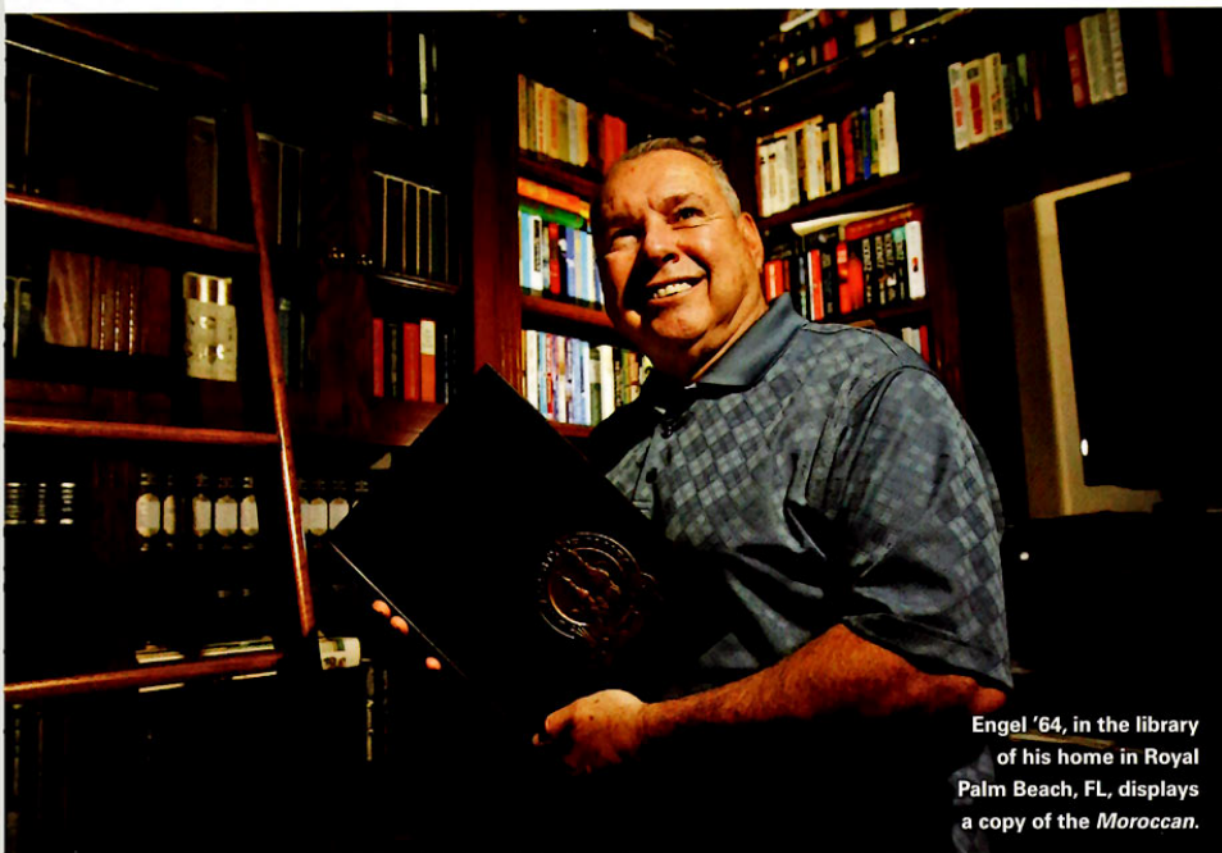
A: The students, the faculty and the environment are fantastic. Everyone is friendly. It was so much fun visiting with friends in the lobby of Plant Hall, talking, sharing each other's experiences. I always remember how nice everyone was to my family. I had many relatives in Tarpon Springs who would come to every home football game. Many times they were given free tickets and great seats, so they could watch me play. The staff always treated my family with courtesy and kindness.

Q: How do you continue to stay connected to UT?

A: My wife Chrisoula and I attend the Decade of the '50s as well as other events when we're invited.

Q: Why is it important to support UT?

A: I want to give back to the University what was given to me. My mom would always say help your family members when they are in need. I extend this philosophy beyond family. My parents couldn't afford to send me to a private university. My athletic scholarship paid for everything, room, books, tuition.



Engel '64, in the library of his home in Royal Palm Beach, FL, displays a copy of the *Moroccan*.

leaving a legacy

Making His Own Luck

"I ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF Tampa and have the education and skills to teach all sports," said Howard Engel '64 to Hyman Krakower, a professor at the City University of New York (CUNY), just months after graduating from UT and moving back to New York City. Krakower, a noted scholar in the emerging field of health education, was looking for someone certified to teach a variety of sports, and Engel convinced him that he was the right man for the job. So started Engel's long career at CUNY Baruch College.

Though Engel was at CUNY to enroll as a master's student in the health education program, he became a professor instead. He soon fulfilled the promise he made that day to earn his Doctor of Education from St. John's University in Queens, NY.

This wasn't the first time that Engel "made his luck." In 1960, Engel

was part of the first wave of freshman recruited from the northeast. "I was 18 years old, and I thought I was hot stuff," jokes Engel, describing himself as "a tough guy from Queens, the first of his family to attend college, son of a longshoreman, showing up in Tampa in August."

His life in New York was miles away from the homecoming parades, fraternities and sororities, and social activities of UT in 1960. Engel had to go to Maas Brothers to buy dress shirts and ties to fit the dress code. He still remembers the "only half of you will still be here in four years" speech at orientation. Engel knew he would have to work hard in the classroom.

"I got a B-minus average my first semester. Then I made dean's list every semester until graduation," he said.

Because he didn't have any money, he also knew he would have to work hard *outside* the classroom.

"There was a Maas Brother's warehouse behind the baseball stadium by the train tracks where we worked night shift. They used to lock us in there at 10 p.m. and let us out the next morning at six," Engel recalls. "I tried to work nights when I didn't have classes in the morning." Engel also worked at the downtown YMCA as a lifeguard, at the Valencia Garden restaurant on the wait staff and in Ybor City delivering cigars. He couriered cars from Florida to New York to get home and back.

Though he says he's "not a joiner," Engel was very involved in several team sports during his career. At CUNY, he coached baseball, soccer, basketball, bowling and golf. His avocation was baseball officiating with the New York City Public School Athletic League, where he is in the Hall of Fame.

UT professor Miller Adams helped Engel discover his passion for organized sports programs. "He was like a second father to me," Engel said.

As a UT student, Engel added several sports to the intramural programs. "Back then, it was the Independents versus the Greeks. I was a member of the P.E. Major Club," Engel said with a wide grin. Flag football and girls volleyball were some of the more popular sports. Badminton, archery, handball and bait casting didn't always attract much attention.

For Engel and his wife of 47 years, Natalie, UT is a family affair. Their daughter Faith Ann '89 and niece Felicia '89 are proud UT alumnae. That is another reason why Howard and Natalie Engel decided to include a gift to UT in their estate plans. Their generosity will ensure that the Engels will be part of the UT family for generations to come.



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Food for Thought

IN JANUARY, UT ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GATHERED at Café L'Europe in Sarasota, FL, for "Lunch with a Genius."

Lunch with a Genius events are held several times a year and feature UT faculty and programs. The Sarasota event, which focused on the University's creative arts programs, included a presentation by Haig Mardirosian, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, and a performance by students from the UT choral ensembles.

Doris '52 and Bob '53 Yates speak with one of the student performers, Rhiannon Crawford '13.

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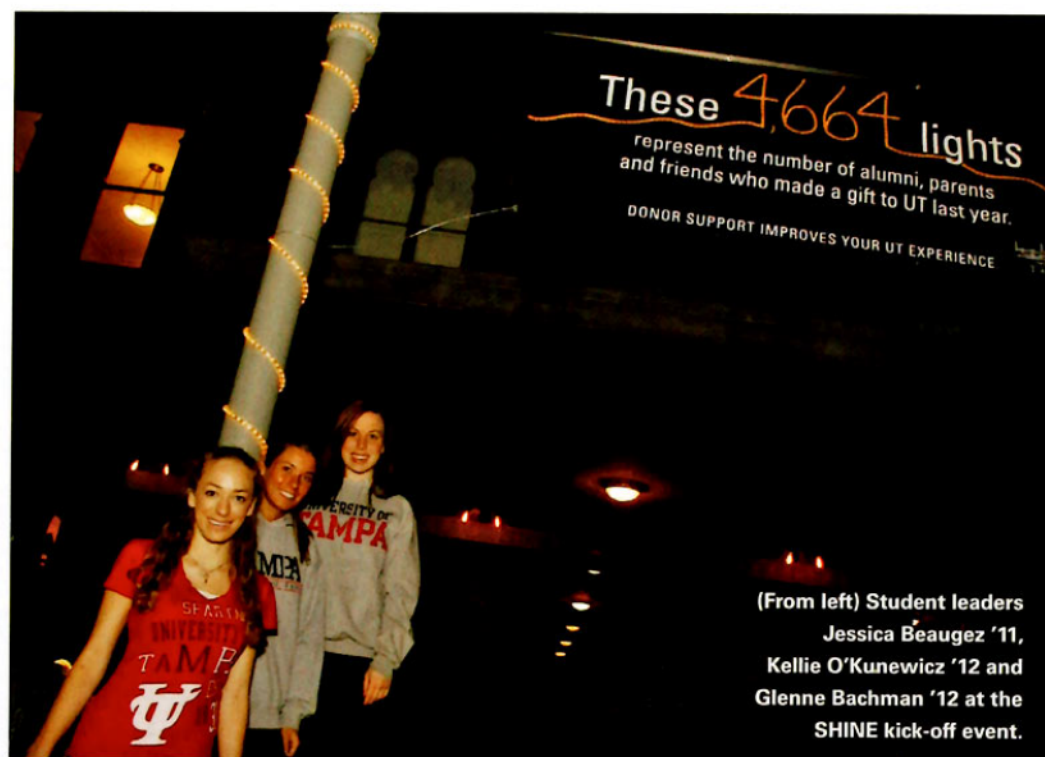
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(From left) Student leaders
Jessica Beaubez '11,
Kellie O'Kunewicz '12 and
Glenn Bachman '12 at the
SHINE kick-off event.

the annual fund

Students SHINE a Light

A NEW TRADITION HAS BEGUN AT THE University of Tampa. During National Philanthropy Week in November, several student organizations joined

UT donors thanking them for their generosity. Through these events, more than 2,000 hand-written notes were collected.

"Every student I encountered was thrilled to have a chance to say thank you."

— GLENNE BACHMAN '12

forces to say thank you to all the donors that help make their UT education possible.

The initiative started with a very simple question, "How do we say thank you to the thousands of donors who support UT every year?" The final result was brighter than anyone originally dreamed. The West Verandah of Plant Hall was wrapped with 4,667 lights — one light for each donor that gave to UT last year.

At the same time, student organizations held thank-a-thon events all over campus. At each event, students wrote short notes to

Glenn Bachman '12, one of the student coordinators of SHINE, said, "Every student I encountered was thrilled to have a chance to say thank you. The student body is very grateful for all aspects of our campus."

Here is a small sampling of what UT students have to say to you:

"Thank you for making UT such an amazing school. I love all the small classes and the emphasis on experience-based learning." — Olivia '13, Elementary Education

"Thank you so much for your donation to our school. Because of the scholarships I receive, I am the first person in my family to be able to attend college. Thank you for

this incredible opportunity." — Raven '15, Pre-Med Biology

"Thank you so much for your donations! Your support continues to provide the means for the student body to strive here at UT. We all appreciate your support and efforts." — Alexandra '14, Communication

"The library facility makes studying so easy and has endless resources! Thank you for helping shape UT." — Rebecca '15, Nursing

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to succeed in and out of the classroom! I love studying on the verandah." — Alix '14, Accounting and Sports Management

"Thank you for the scholarship that has allowed me to continue learning at this great University. The campus is beautiful, and the classes are an ideal size for optimum learning. Your donations are much appreciated." — Jilly '15, Biology

"Thank you! I love being in a school that values diversity and learning. Thank you for all your support." — Veronica '11, International Business

"Thank you for your kind donation to UT. I truly appreciate and value our small class sizes and the wide array of services you've created for us to participate in." — Eric '12, Physical Education

"SHINE went better than we ever imagined," Bachman said after the event. "We were able to collect thousands of thank you notes, and we also helped the student body understand the deep impact donations have on their everyday life. While we will never be able to thank UT donors enough, this event is a terrific place to start!"

Are you thankful for an experience you had at UT? Do you have a favorite memory of your time on campus? Is there a professor that still has an impact on your day-to-day life? Tell us about it! Visit www.ut.edu/whyIheartUT.



Need more information about the Annual Fund? Contact Taylor Pinke, Annual Fund Director annualfund@ut.edu (813) 258-7401

Board Names Officers

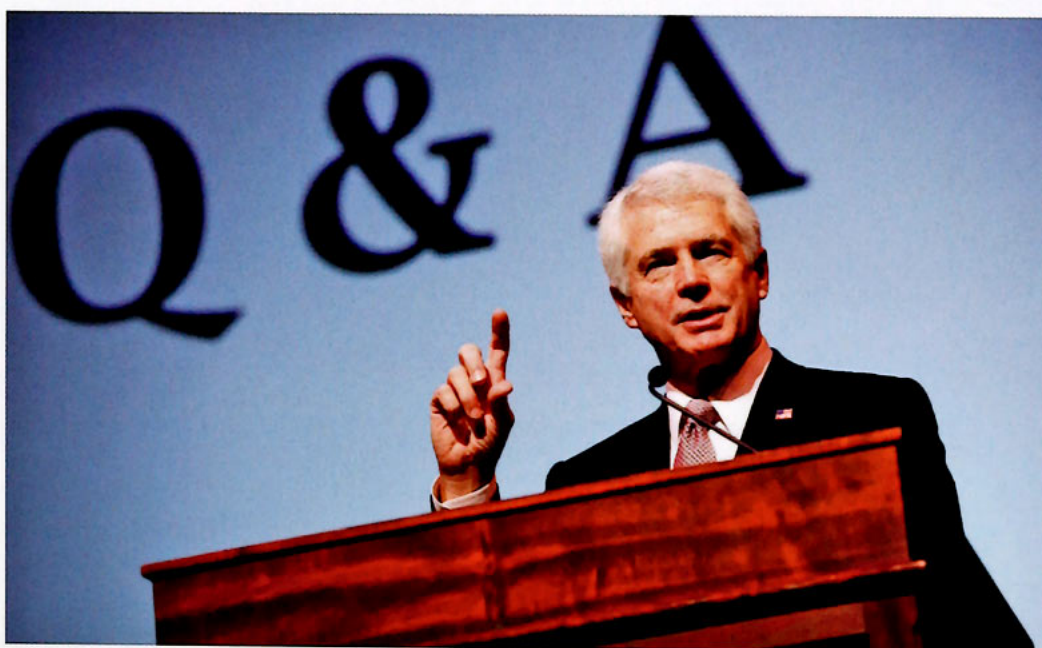
THE UT BOARD OF TRUSTEES announced its slate of officers for the next two years.

DON DEFOSSET will serve as chair. As founder and principal of The DJD Group, DeFosset oversees investments and operations in multiple industries. He is also active in state, regional and local community affairs, including co-chairman of the 2012 Tampa Bay Host Committee for the upcoming Republican National Convention, and was appointed by the governor of Florida to the Tampa Sports Authority.

JOHN B. WEST will serve as vice chair. West is the CEO of Lion Investments, where he oversees an investment portfolio. He is also a partner of Hire Partners, where he is engaged in the strategic direction and acquisitions growth plans for the company. West founded System One in 1987, which he sold to Monster Worldwide, the parent company of monster.com, in 2000.

JAMES L. FERMAN JR. will serve as secretary. Ferman is president and CEO of Ferman Motor Car Company and its 15 affiliated dealerships headquartered in Tampa, FL. Founded in 1895 by his grandfather, the Ferman family business is ranked as one of the largest dealership groups in Florida and the U.S. He is also chairman of the Bank of Tampa, a director of TECO Energy Inc., former chair of the Chamber of Commerce and current trustee of Emory University.

GENE MCNICHOLS will serve as immediate past chair. McNichols is chairman and CEO of McNichols Company, the nation's leading metal service center specializing in metal with holes. McNichols serves on various boards including the Straz Center for the Performing Arts, The Salvation Army, The Spring, The Florida Aquarium and as the vice chairman of the operating board of Tampa General Hospital.



SHOPTALK Dave McCurdy, president and CEO of the American Gas Association, was one of three featured speakers at the 25th annual Fellows Forum. Close to 1,000 attendees came to this year's Forum, which had a record amount of sponsorships. Proceeds from the Forum benefit the Board of Fellows Endowed Scholarship.

Changes to Minaret Society Dinner

Since 1972, the Minaret Society has recognized those who donate \$1,000-\$9,999 annually to UT as members of the Minaret Society, either on the Bronze, Silver or Gold Crescent levels. Those donors who make a gift of \$10,000 or higher annually are Minaret Society members at the President's Council level.

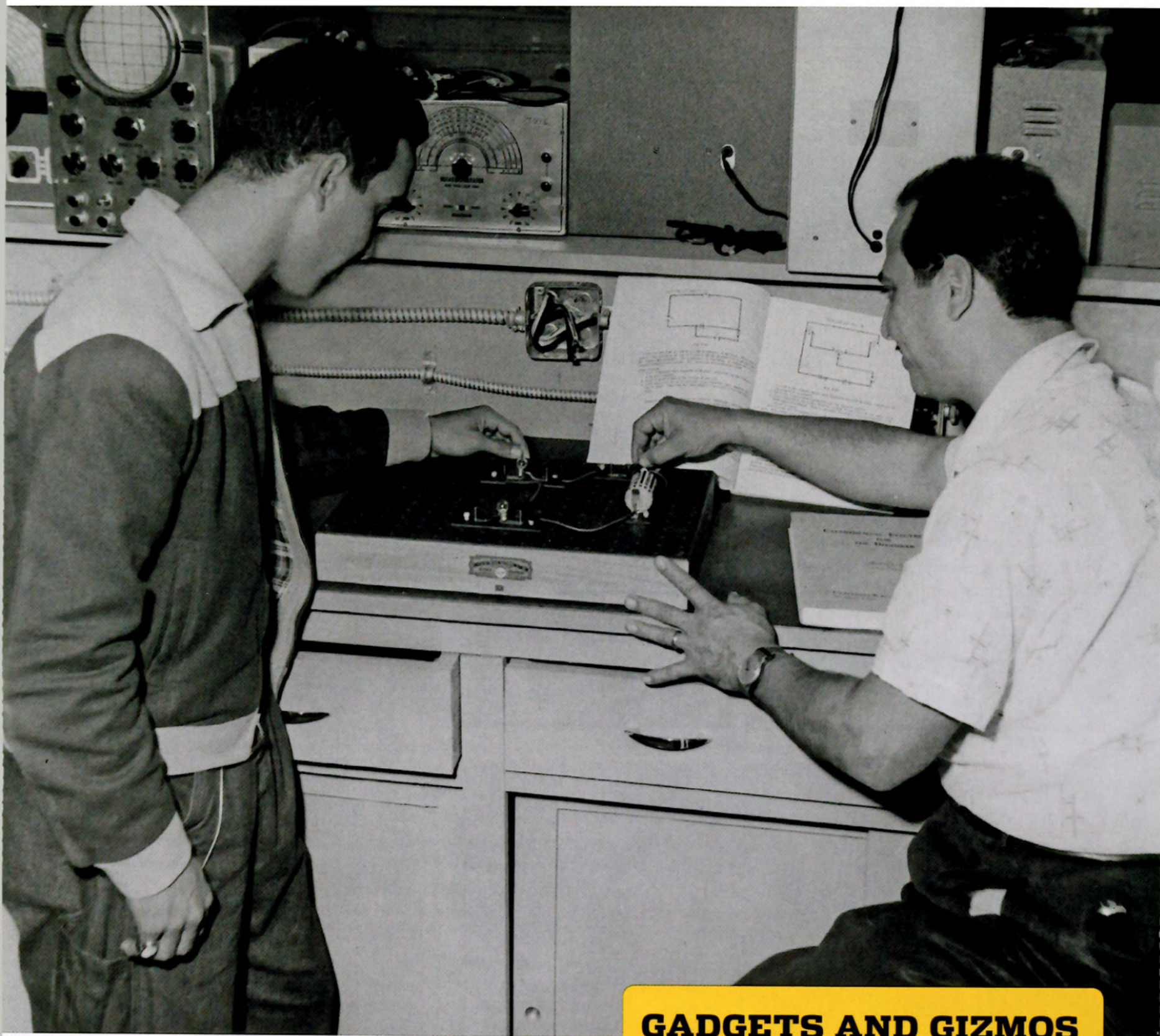
The University deeply appreciates all of our donors, especially those who are members of the Minaret Society. Every November, all members of the Minaret Society from the *previous fiscal year* are invited to attend our annual Minaret Society Dinner. Beginning with the *November 2013 event, invitations to the dinner will be extended only to those donors who are members of the Minaret Society Silver Crescent level (\$2,500-\$4,999) or higher.*

If you have any questions, contact Dan Gura, vice president of Development and University Relations at (813) 253-6277 or dgura@ut.edu. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

Editor's Note

In the "Why I Give" column of the Winter 2012 issue, we inadvertently transposed Lyman Wiltse's name in John Wuertz's answer to the question, "Most memorable professor?"

We also misspelled David Tavlin's name in the Donor Honor Roll in the Fall 2011 issue. Tavlin and his company, Crossroads Construction, are recognized as a Gold Crescent Member of the Minaret Society.



GADGETS AND GIZMOS

Getting hands-on experience with high-tech equipment has been a hallmark of science education at UT for decades. Professor Robert J. Dew Jr., who taught chemistry at UT from 1955-64 and during the 1965-66 academic year, demonstrates an electrical circuit to a student. On the shelf in the background are an oscilloscope and two frequency generators.

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Robert Rahway Zakanitch, one of the founders of the Pattern and Decoration movement in the mid-1970s, returned to UT for a third time as the STUDIO-f visiting artist from Feb. 20-March 2.

